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SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY,

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OFFICERS OF THE SYNOD.

Moderator,

REV. WILLIAM BANNARD, D.D., - - SALEM, N. J.

Stated Clerk,

REV. J. B. DAVIS, - - - HIGHTSTOWN, N. J.

Enrollment and Reading Clerk,

REV. BENJAMIN S. EVERITT, - - JAMESBURG, N. J.

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The Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, in the South Street Presbyterian Church, in Morristown, N. J., on Tuesday, October 15th, 1878, at 3 o'clock P. M., and was opened with a sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. Everard Kempshall, D.D., from Psalms xxxvi : 9—"In Thy light shall we see light."

Immediately after the sermon, the Synod was constituted by prayer by the Moderator.

MEMBERS PRESENT.

Presbytery of Corisco.

MINISTERS.
[None.]

RULING ELDERS.
[None.]

Presbytery of Elizabeth.

MINISTERS.

WM. W. BLAUVELT, D.D.,
ROBERT STREET,
EDWIN H. REINHART,
CHARLES MILNE (2),
THEODORE S. BROWN,
JOSEPH M. McNULTY,

HENRY R. WILSON, D.D.,
JOHN C. RANKIN, D.D. (2),
JOHN F. PINGRY, Ph.D.,
JAMES M. BRUEN,
JOSEPH G. WILLIAMSON,
EVERARD KEMPSTALL, D.D.,

WILLIAM C. ROBERTS, D.D.,	ISAAC A. BLAUVELT,
JOHN A. LIGGETT,	JOHN JAY POMEROY,
ASAHEL L. CLARK,	JOHN EWING,
KNEELAND P. KETCHAM (2),	WILLIAM T. CARR,
JAMES G. MASON,	HUGH SMYTHE,
HENRY W. TELLER,	JAMES DEHART BRUGEN,
JAMES W. SHEARER,	WM. B. HENDERSON (3),
SAMUEL PARRY,	EDWARD C. RAY (2),
JOHN RUDOLF (2),	HENRY M. GRANT (2),
ALBERT B. KING,	J. F. RIGGS,
	D. D. DOTY. Total, 33.

RULING ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
PETER P. GROSS.....	Baskingridge.
ELI BOSENBURY.....	Clinton.
CLARK FAITOUTE (2).....	Connecticut Farms.
WILLIAM D. WOOD.....	Cranford.
B. ATKINSON.....	Elizabeth, First.
CHAUNCEY HARRIS (2).....	Elizabeth, Second.
JOHN W. HUNT.....	Siloam, Elizabeth.
R. S. T. CISSEL.....	Westminster, Elizabeth.
WILLIAM WOODCOCK.....	Elizabethport.
W. V. D. FIELD.....	Lamington.
DANIEL ANNAN (2).....	Liberty Corner.
BRUCE CROWELL.....	Metuchen.
AMOS POTTER (2).....	New Providence.
ELLIS S. POTTER.....	Plainfield, First.
ISRAEL C. PIERSON.....	Plainfield, Second.
WILLIAM E. WELLS ..	Rahway, First.
C. JEWELL (2).....	Rahway, Second.
THOMAS R. WHITE.....	Roselle.
O. H. SOMMERS.....	Springfield.
WILLIAM LITTELL.....	Summit.
E. M. PIERSON.....	Westfield.
H. N. DEMAREST.....	Woodbridge.
	Total, 22.

Presbytery of Jersey City.

MINISTERS.

CHARLES K. IMBRIE, D.D.,	WM. H. MAGIE,
STEPHEN C. GOODMAN,	OLIVER B. BIDWELL,

JAMES C. EGBERT (2),	DAVID MAGIE, D.D. (2),
JAMES H. CLARK (2),	JOHN R. FISHER,
HENRY M. BOOTH,	JOHN REID (2),
CLARENCE GEDDES,	JOHN P. HALE,
ROBERT H. WILKINSON (2).	Total, 13.

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
JAMES VANDERBECK.....	Englewood.
S. H. WILLARD (2).....	Hoboken, First.
D. N. STIGER.....	Jersey City, First.
AARON ADAMS.....	Jersey City, Second.
JEREMIAH H. HALSEY.....	Bergen, Jersey City.
JOSEPH K. KING (2).....	Claremont, Jersey City.
HENRY MUSSEY.....	Paterson, First.
G. B. DUPUY (2).....	West Hoboken.
	Total, 8.

Presbytery of Monmouth.

MINISTERS.

ISAAC TODD,	C. F. WORRELL, D.D. (2).
RUFUS TAYLOR, D.D.,	SAMUEL MILLER, D.D.,
THADDEUS WILSON,	A. H. DASHHELL, JR.,
JOHN HANCOCK,	JESSE B. DAVIS,
A. P. COBB,	J. G. SYMMES.
FRANK CHANDLER.	GEORGE W. McMILLAN,
DONALD McLAREN,	F. RECK. HARBAUGH,
BENJ. S. EVERITT,	R. J. BURTT,
J. S. VAN DYKE,	JAMES M. ANDERSON,
GEORGE SWAIN, D.D.,	ADRIAN WESTVEER,
HENRY R. HALL,	GEORGE WARRINGTON,
JAMES M. DENTON,	E. E. MORAN.
	Total, 24.

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
HENRY R. TAYLOR ..	Allentown.
ALBERT L. KELLY (2).....	Beverly.
E. DICKERSON.....	Bricksburg.
J. W. BERGEN	Cranbury, First.
RALPH C. STULTS.....	Cranbury, Second.
JACOB W. HEGEMAN.....	Dayton.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
GILBERT SOLOMON.....	Freehold, First.
SERING SHANGLE.....	Hightstown.
J. B. TALLMAN.....	Jamesburg.
WM. L. TERHUNE.....	Matawan.
JOSEPH RUE.....	Perrineville.
THOMAS CURTIS.....	Shrewsbury.
DANIEL DAVISON.....	Tennant.
WALTER H. WRIGHT.....	Whiting and Shamong.
Total, 14.	

Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

MINISTERS.

JOSEPH M. OGDEN, D.D.,	BURTIS C. MEGIE, D.D.,
DANIEL E. MEGIE,	DAVID M. BARDWELL,
DAVID IRVING, D.D.,	ROBERT AIKMAN, D.D.,
NATHANIEL CONKLIN,	CHARLES C. PARKER, D.D.,
OLIVER CRANE, D.D.,	O. H. PERRY DEYO,
ELIJAH W. STODDARD,	THEO. F. WHITE, D.D.,
JAMES F. BREWSTER,	HENRY F. HICKOK,
ROBERT S. FEAGLES,	ELDRIDGE MIX, D.D.,
ALFRED YEOMANS, D.D.,	ALBERT ERDMAN,
THOMAS CARTER,	DANIEL F. FOX,
JULIUS L. DANNER,	I. WILLIAMS COCHRANE,
JAMES A. FERGUSON,	SAMUEL N. HOWELL,
JOHN H. WORCESTER, JR.,	RUFUS S. GREEN,
WILLIAM J. HENDERSON,	DAVID E. PLATTER,
EDWARD P. LINNELL,	H. C. GRUHNERT,
WILLIAM W. HALLOWAY,	JAMES W. HILLMAN,
WILLIAM F. WHITAKER,	TITUS E. DAVIS,
JAMES C. EDWARDS,	Total, 35.

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
DANIEL H. SMITH.....	Boonton.
HENRY P. DAY.....	Chatham.
SMITH E. HEDGES.....	Chester.
JAMES H. NEIGHBOR.....	Dover.
RICHARD PURDUE.....	East Orange.
PHILIP P. HOFFMAN.....	Fairmount.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
D. A. NICHOLAS.....	Flanders.
A. A. SMITH.....	German Valley.
STEPHEN M. PECK.....	Hanover.
DAVID NEIGHBOR.....	Lower Valley.
JEREMIAH BAKER.....	Madison.
ALBERT M. PITNEY.....	Mendham, First.
HENRY DRAKE.....	Mendham, Second.
L. B. WARD.....	Morristown, First.
JOHN C. HINES.....	South Street, Morristown.
DANIEL D. BRANDT.....	Mount Freedom.
A. L. SALMON.....	Mount Olive.
GEORGE F. SCOFIELD.....	New Vernon.
E. P. STARR.....	Orange, First.
BENJ. SHEPHERD (2).....	Orange, Second.
L. P. STONE (2).....	Orange, Central.
NATHAN LANE.....	Pleasant Grove.
H. BASTEDO.....	Parsippany.
C. C. DEHART.....	Rockaway.
T. L. TAINTER (2).....	South Orange.
A. R. RIGGS.....	Succasunna.
TIMOTHY COOK.....	Whippany.
	Total, 27.

Presbytery of Newark.

MINISTERS.

HORACE N. BRINSMADE, D.D. (2),	ROBERT B. CAMPFIELD,
J. F. STEARNS, D.D. (3),	JAMES P. WILSON, D.D.,
J. H. McILVAINE, D.D.,	A. COGSWELL FRISSELL,
JOSEPH FEWSMITH, D.D. (2),	W. T. FINDLEY, D.D. (2),
JOHN WARD (2),	SAMUEL H. HALL, D.D.,
E. R. CRAVEN, D.D. (2),	J. ROMEYN BERRY, D.D.,
PRENTIS DE VEUVE,	I. B. HOPWOOD (3),
C. E. KNOX, D.D.,	GEORGE C. POLLOCK,
MARTIN F. HOLLISTER,	WILLIAM A. NORDT,
JOHN L. WELLS (2),	ISAAC W. DAVENPORT.
	Total, 20.

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WILLIAM PRICE.....	Caldwell.
JACOB S. DODD.....	Lyons Farm.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
PHILIP DOREMUS.....	Montclair.
C. M. WOODRUFF.....	First, Newark.
DAVID W. CRANE.....	Second, Newark.
HORACE ALLING.....	Third, Newark.
IRA M. HARRISON.....	South Park, Newark.
JAMES J. DICKERSON.....	High Street, Newark.
E. AUG. SMITH.....	Central, Newark.
E. J. ROSS.....	Park, Newark.
W. F. VAN WAGENEN.....	Roseville, Newark.
JOHN OSMANN.....	Second German, Newark.
SAMUEL TERHUNE.....	Plane Street, Newark.
Total, 13.	

Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MINISTERS.

LYMAN H. ATWATER, D.D.,	CORNELIUS S. CONKLIN,
GEORGE SHELDON, D.D.,	A. A. HODGE, D.D.,
NATHAN S. ALLER,	W. HENRY GREEN, D.D.,
JOHN T. DUFFIELD, D.D. (2),	ABRAM GOSMAN, D.D.,
JAMES C. MOFFAT, D.D.,	SAMUEL M. HAMILL, DD.,
GEORGE S. MOTT, D.D.,	P. A. STUDDIFORD, D.D.,
AMZI L. ARMSTRONG,	ISAAC M. PATTERSON,
HENRY C. CAMERON, D.D.,	GEORGE W. PORTER,
S. M. STUDDIFORD,	THOMAS NICHOLS,
GEORGE McCLOSKEY, LL.D.,	JOHN H. SCOFIELD,
JAMES A. WORDEN,	LEWIS W. MUDGE,
WILLIAM SWAN,	J. VAN WERT SCHENCK,
ALEXANDER MILLER,	WALTER A. BROOKS,
CHARLES S. CONVERSE,	MINOT S. MORGAN,
WM. P. PATTERSON,	GEORGE L. SMITH,
J. THOMAS OSLER,	JOB D. RANDOLF.
Total, 32.	

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WILLIAM BREWER.....	Amwell, United.
ADRIAN VERMEULE.....	Bound Brook.
THOMAS D. BROKAW.....	Dutch Neck.
E. S. McILVAINE.....	Ewing.
ASHBEL WELCH.....	Lambertville.
FRANKLIN DEY.....	Lawrenceville.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
D. C. ENGLISH, M.D. (3).	First, New Brunswick.
GEO. W. RUNK.....	Stockton.
A. G. RICHEY.....	Prospect Street, Trenton.
R. EGE.....	Hopewell, First.
JOHN V. TERHUNE.....	Princeton, First.
Total, 11.	

Presbytery of Newton.

MINISTERS.

J. A. PRIEST, D.D. (2),	HENRY E. SPAYD,
WM. THOMPSON,	H. BROWN SCOTT,
JOHN B. KUGLER,	THOMAS A. SANSON,
HENRY B. TOWNSEND,	JAMES M. MAXWELL,
E. CLARK CLINE,	DANIEL DEURELL,
WM. A. HOLLIDAY,	THOMAS S. LONG,
JOHN JAY CRANE,	JOHN T. SHAW (2).
SAMUEL E. WEBSTER,	CALEB S. C. RODNEY,
JETHRO B. WOODWARD,	EDGAR A. HAMILTON,
JOHN F. POLLOCK,	THOMAS TYACK,
DAVID STEVENSON,	ALEX. PROUDFIT.
Total, 22.	

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
WM. H. MORROW.....	Belvidere, Second.
GEO. B. SHIPMAN	Blairstown.
WM. MATTISON	Branchville.
A. SMITH.....	Deckertown.
WM. CARPENTER ..	Greenwich.
JOHN WHITE	Hackettstown.
WM. M. VANATTA.....	Harmony.
I. W. SMITH.	Knowlton.
JOSEPH JOHNSON	Mansfield, First.
SOLOMON JENNINGS	Marksboro'.
E. G. RIDDLE.....	Musconetcong.
WM. P. COURSAN.....	Newton.
J. K. STEVENS.....	Phillipsburg.
SAMUEL C. CASKEY	Stanhope.
ANDREW HOLZIZER	Stewartsville.
Total, 15.	

Presbytery of West Jersey.

MINISTERS.

FRANKLIN D. HARRIS,	E. M. KELLOGG,
ALLEN H. BROWN,	WM. BANNARD, D.D.,
LEWIS C. BAKER,	J. ALLEN MAXWELL,
R. HAMILL DAVIS,	F. R. BRACE,
WM. A. FERGUSON,	E. P. HEBERTON (2),
SAMUEL R. ANDERSON (2),	O. B. McCURDY,
H. M. KELLOGG.	Total, 13.

ELDERS.

NAMES.	CHURCHES.
T. F. WURTS,	Absecon.
RICHARD STEVENSON	Blackwoodtown.
F. TRENCHARD.....	Bridgeton, First.
C. S. PADGETT.....	Bridgeton, West.
ENOCH MAYHEW.....	Deerfield.
QUINTON GIBBON, M.D.....	Salem.
D. SPENCER.....	Vineland.
J. R. ALDERMAN	Woodstown.
	Total, 8.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS.

REV. N. W. CAREY,	of the Synod of Minnesota.
“ W. R. WORK,	“ “ Philadelphia.
“ R. H. ALLEN, D.D.,	“ “ “
“ C. R. GREGORY, D.D.,	“ “ “
“ A. S. LODER,	“ “ “
“ SAMUEL DODD,	“ “ China.
“ L. D. BEVAN, D.D.,	“ “ New York.
“ WM. J. TUCKER, D.D.,	“ “ “
“ A. H. SUTTON,	“ South Classis of Long Island.
“ ALBERT HELLER,	“ Lutheran Synod of N. Y. and N. J.
“ JOS. HOLDRICH, D.D.,	“ New York M. E. Conference.
“ S. VAN BENSCHOTEN,	“ New Jersey “ “
“ WM. BUSH,	“ Particular Synod of New York.
	Total, 13.

SUMMARY.

Ministers	193
Ruling Elders.....	118
Corresponding Members.....	13
Total	<u>324</u>

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Rev. William Bannard, D.D., of the Presbytery of West Jersey, was elected Moderator, and Rev. Messrs. B. S. Everitt and William Swan were elected Temporary Clerks.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS.

The Committee of Arrangements presented a report recommending—

1st. That the sessions of Synod begin each morning at nine o'clock, and continue until half-past twelve. Recess until half-past two o'clock. Afternoon session from half-past two until half-past five.

2d. That the first half hour of each morning's session be spent in devotional exercises, under the direction of the Moderator.

3d. That the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper be celebrated in this Church this evening, commencing at a quarter-past seven o'clock. That the Moderator preside, and that addresses be made by Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., and Rev. Alexander Proudfit, the former to distribute the bread and the latter the wine; the following elders to assist in the distribution of the elements, viz: Brodway, Atkinson, Little, Crane, Stone, Gibbon, Woodward and Trenchard. That after the Communion Synod listen to Rev. Dr. Allen, of the Synod of Philadelphia, who will speak in behalf of Freedmen; and to Rev. J. A. Worden, superintendent of the Sabbath school work of the Presbyterian Church.

4th. That Wednesday evening be devoted to hearing representatives of the Boards of Home and Foreign Missions. That Rev. W. J. Tucker, D.D., of the Synod of New York, be invited to speak in behalf of the Board of Home Missions; Rev. L. D. Bevan, D.D., of the Synod of New York, and Rev. Samuel Dodd, of the China Mission, in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

The recommendations of the committee were adopted.

Synod then took recess until a quarter-past seven o'clock.

TUESDAY, 7:15 P.M.

Synod re-assembled, and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated, as previously ordered. At the close of this service, Synod was called to order for business.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

The Moderator announced standing committees as follow, viz.:

I. Bills and Overtures—Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., Rev. Henry M. Booth, Rev. R. Aikman, D.D., Rev. J. Allen Maxwell, Elders W. V. D. Field, J. H. Halsey, Jeremiah Baker.

II. Judicial Committee—Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., Rev. Thaddeus Wilson, Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., Rev. J. Romeyn Berry, D.D., Elders E. P. Starr, Quinton Gibbon, M.D., C. M. Woodruff.

III. On the Minutes of the General Assembly—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Oliver Crane, Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., Elders Ira M. Harrison, Ellis S. Potter.

JUDICIAL CASE.

The Stated Clerk announced that a paper entitled "Complaint of R. S. Kennedy against the Presbytery of Newton," had been placed in his hands.

Resolved, That the paper be referred to the Judicial Committee.

Synod then adjourned, to meet at nine o'clock on Wednesday morning.

Closed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY, October 16th.

Synod met, pursuant to adjournment, at nine o'clock A.M. Half an hour was spent in devotional exercises, after which Synod was called to order for business. The minutes of the previous day were read and approved.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

1st. At eleven o'clock, to hear Rev. H. R. Wilson, D.D., in relation to Church Election.

2d. To hear Rev. D. Irving, D.D., in relation to Foreign Missions.

3d. To hear the report of the Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions.

4th. At three o'clock P.M., to hear the report of the Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence.

An overture from the Church of Dayton was received and referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

A petition from the Lower Valley Church was referred to the same committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures and the Judicial Committee obtained leave to retire for business.

Communications were received from the Boards of Foreign Missions, Home Missions and Education and the International Sabbath Association.

Resolved, That standing committees on the boards be appointed, to whom these and all similar papers shall be referred.

The Moderator appointed additional committees as follow, viz.:

IV. On Treasurer's Accounts and Assessments—Elders D. W. Crane, B. Atkinson.

V. On the Narrative for 1879—Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., Rev. Prentis de Veuve.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Foreign Missions—Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., Elder Levi P. Stone.

On Home Missions—Rev. R. Aikman, D.D., Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D., Rev. C. K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. A. H. Dashiell, Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D., Rev. A. Gosman, D.D., Rev. H. B. Scott, Rev. L. C. Baker.

On Education—Rev. P. A. Studdiford, D.D., Rev. F. R. Brace, Elder Ashbel Welch.

On Sabbath Observance—Rev. Samuel Miller, D.D., Rev. Allen H. Brown, Elder C. M. Woodruff.

COMMITTEES ON PRESBYTERIAL RECORDS.

Elizabeth—Rev. Wm. H. Megie, Rev. Isaac Todd, Elder Daniel H. Smith.

Jersey City—Rev. William W. Blauvelt, D.D., Rev. Rufus Taylor, D.D., Elder P. Day.

Monmouth—Rev. John F. Pingry, Ph.D., Rev. Stephen S. Goodman, Elder Henry Drake.

Morris and Orange—Rev. Frank Chandler, Rev. Joseph G. Williamson, Elder Aaron Adams.

Newark—Rev. N. S. Aller, Rev. H. B. Scott, Elder Richard Stevenson.

New Brunswick—Rev. Thomas A. Sanson, Rev. Erastus M. Kellog, Elder William Price.

Newton—Rev. Frederick R. Brace, Rev. S. M. Studdiford, Elder E. G. Ross.

West Jersey—Rev. Thomas Nichols, Rev. William A. Holliday, Elder William Brewer.

Corisco—Rev. Alexander Proudfit, Rev. O. B. McCurdy, Elder Samuel Terhune.

Rev. Theodore S. Brown and Elder D. N. Stiger were appointed a committee on next place of meeting.

Rev. W. H. Green, D.D., brought to the notice of Synod the proposal to place Mural Tablets in the Seminary Chapel at Princeton, commemorative of Rev. Drs. A. Alexander, J. W. Alexander, J. A. Alexander, Samuel Miller, John Breckenridge and Charles Hodge.

An invitation was received from the Chairman of the Library Committee of the *Morristown Library and Lyceum*, for Synod to visit that institution. The invitation was accepted, with thanks.

Rev. H. R. Wilson, D.D., then addressed Synod in behalf of the Board of Church Erection.

Dr. David Irving also spoke in behalf of the Board of Foreign Missions.

CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions presented their annual report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

Resolved, That the Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, be authorized to employ a Synodical Missionary during the coming year.

Rev. C. R. Gregory, D.D., by invitation, addressed the Synod in behalf of Lincoln University.

Resolved, That this Synod has heard, with deep interest, the address of Rev. Dr. Gregory, in behalf of the work and wants of Lincoln University. We believe that the work of this institution is very important to the best interests of the colored race in our country, and do most earnestly commend its claims to the beneficence of our churches, and we bespeak for it a favorable hearing at this time, especially when the wants of the University are so pressing, on account of the stringency of the times.

Resolved, That the Treasurer be directed to pay to the committees appointed to defend the Synod in the cases of appeal before the last General Assembly, the sum of fifty-five dollars, being the amount of expenses incurred by said committees.

Synod took recess until half-past two o'clock, P. M.

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M.

Synod re-assembled.

The Judicial Committee presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows, viz. :

The Judicial Committee would report, that certain papers, containing the complaint of R. S. Kennedy against the action of the Presbytery of Newton, at its session at Newark, October 18th, 1877, has been put into their hands. They find the papers in order and recommend that, by the consent of the parties, the case be taken up and issued by a commission of nine appointed by the Synod; the commission to proceed in the case according to the provisions of the book, Chapter seven, Section third, Paragraph eight, and issue the case, after a full and deliberate hearing of the parties, and report the same to this body for its adoption, the parties mutually agreeing that the decision shall be final and not subject to discussion.

The commission was appointed and consisted of the following members, viz.: Rev. Charles K. Imbrie, D.D., Rev. Joseph M. McNulty, Rev. Frank Chandler, Rev. Alfred

Yeomans, D.D., Rev. Eldridge Mix, D.D., and Elders W. F. Van Wagenen, R. S. T. Cissel, M.D., Ashbel Welch, Jeremiah Baker.

The Records of the Presbyteries of Morris and Orange, Newark, Jersey City and New Brunswick, were approved.

SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

The Standing Committee on Systematic Beneficence presented their annual report, which was accepted and adopted. (See Appendix.)

The Committee upon the Minutes of the General Assembly presented a report, which was accepted, adopted, and is as follows :

The committee on the minutes of the General Assembly respectfully report, calling attention to the action of the General Assembly, on the following subjects, viz. :

1. Days of Prayer, p. 19.
2. The Subject of Sabbath Schools, p. 26 :
 - (a) Instruction in Catechism, p. 31.
 - (b) Sabbath School Day, p. 29.
 - (c) Pastoral Letter, pp. 31 and 95.

The committee recommend that this letter be read from all our pulpits.

3. Topics of particular interest :
 - (a) The Sabbath, p. 56.
 - (b) Re-installation of Elders, p. 71.
 - (c) Grants by the State to Religious Associations, p. 55.
 - (d) Unemployed Ministers, p. 168.
 - (e) Printed Minutes of Synod, p. 52.
4. Matters referring to the interests of this particular Synod :
 - (a) Recording Exceptions, p. 27.
 - (b) The Appeals against our Synod.
 - (1) The Miller Case, p. 98.
 - (2) The See Case, p. 102.
 - (c) The number of Deacons and Elders to be reported to General Assembly, pp. 17 and 57.
 - (d) Action on the Overture from the Presbytery of Newton, respecting representation of Presbytery in Synod, p. 69.

Resolved, that the report of the Committee on Systematic Beneficence be printed in the Appendix to the minutes, and that the Stated Clerk

be directed to transmit the overture recommended therein, to the General Assembly.

The committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts, reported that they had examined the accounts, and find the same correct as compared with the vouchers accompanying them, and recommend their approval. Also, that the sums to be contributed by Presbyteries, for expenses of Synod, be the same as last year. The report was accepted and adopted.

The records of the Presbyteries of West Jersey and Monmouth were approved.

The committee on Bills and Overtures reported the petition of the Lower Valley Church, in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange. This petition requests the Synod to transfer the church from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange to the Presbytery of Elizabeth. The committee having heard the parties interested, and understanding that the Presbyteries approve of the transfer, recommend that the request be granted.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The unfinished business laid over from last meeting, which was the exceptions to the minutes of the Presbytery of New Brunswick, was taken up.

Resolved, That the matter be postponed until the next annual meeting of Synod.

By invitation, Rev. Dr. Aikman, President of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance, addressed the Synod in behalf of the Alliance.

A committee, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Aikman, McIlvaine, Cochrane and Wells and Elder Shangle, was appointed to bring in a suitable minute, to be adopted by the Synod, in relation to Temperance and the work of the State Alliance.

The report of the Committee on the German Theological School was made the first order of the day for Thursday morning.

The committee appointed by Synod, at its last meeting, to obtain such legislation as may be necessary to enable such churches as desire it, to hold their property in the name of their ordained officers, reported that they had given the subject consideration, but are not prepared as yet to make their final report. The report was accepted and adopted and the committee was continued.

Synod then took recess until 7:15 P.M.

WEDNESDAY, 7:15 P.M.

Synod re-assembled.

Reports were read from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the Synod, and from the Women's Committee on Home Missions. (See Appendix.)

Rev. Dr. Tucker, of New York, addressed the Synod in relation to Home Missions. Rev. Samuel Dodd, of the China Mission, and Rev. Dr. Bevan, of New York, addressed the Synod in relation to Foreign Missions.

A petition from Mr. Samuel Bowman, of the Caldwell Church, Presbytery of Newark, was presented and referred to the Judicial Committee.

Synod adjourned until Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

THURSDAY, October 17th, 9 A.M.

Synod met according to adjournment, and spent half an hour in devotional exercises, after which it was called to order for business.

The minutes of the proceedings of the preceding day were read and approved.

A letter was read from Rev. R. K. Rodgers, D.D., late Stated Clerk of the Synod, and now resident in Georgia, expressing regret and disappointment because of his inability to attend this meeting of Synod, by reason of impaired health. The Stated Clerk was directed to express to Dr. Rodgers the sorrow of the Synod on account of his absence, and its deep sympathy for him.

The adoption of the report of the Auditing Committee, which recommended that the Presbyteries pay for contingent expenses of Synod the same amounts as last year, was reconsidered.

Resolved, That the expenses of Synod be divided among the Presbyteries as follow, viz.:

Presbytery of Elizabeth.....	\$50
Presbytery of Jersey City.....	45
Presbytery of Monmouth.....	45
Presbytery of Morris and Orange.....	50
Presbytery of Newark.....	55
Presbytery of New Brunswick.....	55
Presbytery of Newton.....	45
Presbytery of West Jersey.....	45

Rev. P. de Veuve and Rev. J. F. Stearns, D.D., were appointed a committee to prepare suitable minutes concerning members of Synod deceased during the past year.

The Committee on the Minutes of the Presbytery of Corisco reported that said minutes were not in the house, and the committee was discharged.

GERMAN THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL.

The Committee on the German Theological School of Newark presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The Committee on the German Theological School of Newark beg leave to report that, by a circular-letter and other communications, they have endeavored to stimulate the interest of all the churches of this

Synod in behalf of the seminary in Bloomfield. Every Presbytery has responded with contributions, and in some Presbyteries nearly every church has taken up a collection. The amount thus received is \$4,835.37. Legacies to the amount of \$575, and a gift from the German Young Men's Christian Association of Newark of \$20, have also been received, making the aggregate receipts within the bounds of the Synod \$5,430.37.

The numbers in attendance on the instructions of the seminary are greater than ever before. The ministers who have gone out from the institution are doing good service as pastors of German Churches. The seminary is thus proving its usefulness by its fruits. Never was there more encouragement in regard to these matters than at present. Never was the special field to be occupied more needy and inviting than at this hour.

The only anxiety in regard to the seminary relates to its financial support. Its receipts are too small to meet its current expenses. It becomes the Synod to consider this state of things. Until the institution shall be fully endowed, it must necessarily be dependent on the support of the Churches. If that support fails, the activity of the institution must cease. Your committee are unable to suggest any new plan of action. They simply recommend the appointment of another committee similar to the one whose labors close with this report; and they also ask the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Synod earnestly recommends to the Churches under its care to give to the German Theological School of Newark liberal contributions during the current year, in order that the necessary expenses may be met, and that its work may not be hindered.

Respectfully submitted,

J. ROMEYN BERRY, *Chairman.*

The Committee on the German Theological School was appointed, as follows, viz.: Rev. William C. Roberts, D.D., Presbytery of Elizabeth; Rev. E. W. French, D.D., Presbytery of Jersey City; Rev. Edward B. Hodge, Presbytery of Monmouth; Rev. Albert Erdman, Presbytery of Morris and Orange; Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D., Presbytery of Newark; Rev. George S. Mott, D.D., Presbytery of New Brunswick; Rev. J. A. Priest, D.D., Presbytery of Newton; Rev. J. Allen Maxwell, Presbytery of West Jersey.

WOMEN'S WORK FOR MISSIONS.

Resolved, That Synod has heard, with gratitude to God, the report of the very efficient work of the women of our churches in behalf of Foreign Missions, and it is our prayer that the Great Head of the Church will encourage and give still further success in their noble work.

Resolved, That having heard, with gratification, the report of the Women's Committee on Home Missions, the Synod cordially confirms their nominations, endorses their efforts and urges the further earnest prosecution of their work.

Resolved, That Synod invites the attention of the Board of Home Missions to the suggestion in the report that missionaries from time to time be sent, at the discretion of the Board, to visit the churches and tell of their experiences in their fields of labor.

Resolved, That the above-named reports be printed in the Appendix.

Resolved, That Rev. Messrs. Cochrane and Erdman be appointed a committee to prepare a report of the contributions of the women of the Presbytery of Morris and Orange for Home and Foreign Missions, and that it be printed in the Appendix.

The Standing Committee on Education presented a report, which was accepted, adopted and is as follows :

The Standing Committee on Education would respectfully report that certain papers sent from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Education to the Stated Clerk of Synod have been placed in their hands, but, inasmuch as the matters contained in these papers are intimately connected with matters which will come before a special committee appointed by the last General Assembly, your committee are of the opinion that no action on the part of Synod is required.

While it is cause for gratification that so large a majority of our churches contribute annually to the Board of Education, your committee would call the attention of Synod to the fact that out of 265 churches in our bounds, 55 contributed nothing to this Board during the past year.

Your committee would recommend that the several Presbyteries urge their delinquent churches to take up a collection for this Board as soon as possible, and all the churches to bear in mind the important claims the Board of Education has on our sympathies, our contributions and our prayers.

Resolved, That the Committee on Obituaries have leave to print the minutes prepared by them in the Appendix.

JUDICIAL.

The Judicial Committee reported that they had carefully considered the papers put in their hands relating to the case of Mr. Bowman of the Caldwell Church, and that the papers have been withdrawn by Mr. Bowman, by the advice of the committee. The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported the petition of the Dayton Church, of the Presbytery of Monmouth. This petition is the request of the church to be transferred from the Presbytery of Monmouth to the Presbytery of New Brunswick. The committee having listened to the parties interested, and understanding that the Presbyteries concerned make no objections, it is recommended that the request be granted.

The report was accepted and adopted.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures was discharged.

The Committee on the Next Place of Meeting presented a report recommending that the next Annual Meeting of Synod be held in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Trenton, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make all necessary arrangements.

Resolved, That the Clerks of Synod be a standing Committee on Place of Meeting of Synod, from year to year.

NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION.

Resolved (1), That Synod regrets that, owing to the absence of the committee, no Narrative has been presented to this body.

Resolved (2), That Rev. Thomas Nichols be added to the Committee on the Narrative, and that the committee be directed to prepare a Narrative to be printed in the Appendix.

The Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension presented his report, which was accepted.

Elders Walter H. Wright and George W. Runk were appointed a committee to audit the accounts of the above-named committee.

UNEMPLOYED MINISTERS AND VACANT CHURCHES.

The Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The annual report of the Board of Home Missions says that only one Synod has complied with the instructions of the General Assembly of 1873, to report to the board the names of unemployed ministers who desire ministerial work. Where is that model Synod?

The Committee on Unemployed Ministers and Vacant Churches, appointed by the Synod of New Jersey, has received from all the Presbyteries in the State reports based upon the latest returns to the General Assembly, and furnishes the following summary :

Of Presbyterian ministers in New Jersey there are employed —	
In evangelistic work, pastors and supplies.....	251
In educational work.....	36
In general work, secretaries, agents.....	8
Total of the actively employed.....	295
The honorably retired are.....	29
Able to preach only occasionally.....	13
Occupied in secular business.....	3
Suspended.....	2
Unemployed who desire ministerial work.....	19
Total of not actively and not fully employed.....	66
Total number of ministers on the roll*.....	361

These eight Presbyteries report seventeen Licentiates, and the names of two who desire employment. They also report 263 Churches, of which 207 have Pastors, or Pastors elect; 39 have Stated Supplies, and 17 are vacant. Of the 17 vacant churches only six can offer a living salary without missionary aid.

The Ministers reported as able and ready for ministerial work are about one-twentieth of the whole number. One-half of the honorably retired are in the Presbyteries of Newark and Elizabeth. One-half of those engaged in educational work are in the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

A. H. BROWN, *Chairman.*

JUDICIAL CASE.

The Judicial Commission appointed to hear and issue the case of R. S. Kennedy and the Presbytery of Newton, pre-

* Not including a Presbytery in Africa.

sented their report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

The commission appointed by the Synod to adjudicate the complaint of Robert S. Kennedy against the Presbytery of Newton, respectfully report, that after the papers in this case were read and all the parties fully heard, the commission came to the following unanimous decision :

The complaint of Robert S. Kennedy against the Presbytery of Newton is sustained, and the Presbytery is enjoined to take up and issue the case, which is properly referred to them by the Session of the Church of Stewartville according to the book.

The commission would state, as the ground of their decision, that the Presbytery erred in assuming that the civil aspects of the case were of such a nature as to preclude the possibility of the case being adjudicated by the Presbytery, before they had proved their incompetency to settle it, or making any attempt toward such settlement by a regular trial, when their effort to refer it to arbitrators had failed.

The Presbytery further erred, therefore, in returning the case to the Session with the advice to them to dismiss it, without the Presbytery having themselves attempted, by a trial, to adjudicate and settle it.

CHAS. K. IMBRIE, *Chairman*,
 ELDRIDGE MIX, *Clerk*,
 JOSEPH M. McNULTY,
 ALFRED YEOMANS,
 R. S. T. CISSEL,
 W. F. VAN WAGENEN,
 ASHBEL WELCH,
 JEREMIAH BAKER.

Notice was given by the counsel of the Presbytery of Newton of their intention to appeal from the decision of the Synod in the above judicial case.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

The Standing Committee on Sabbath Observance presented a report recommending that each Presbytery appoint a standing committee to promote Sabbath observance within its own territory ; also, to correspond and concert action with the New Jersey Sabbath Union and other Sabbath committees,

to promote the good cause. The report was accepted and adopted.

The committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension reported that they had examined said accounts, and found them correct, and recommend that they be approved. The report was accepted and adopted.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Elizabeth were approved.

The minutes of the Presbytery of Newton were approved, excepting their action in the case of R. S. Kennedy, just decided by this Synod.

TEMPERANCE.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute in relation to Temperance presented a report, which was accepted and adopted, and is as follows :

Resolved; That in the judgment of this Synod, the time has come to declare that the traffic in and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, is at war with the highest and most sacred interests of the State, the Church, the Family and the Souls of men. This traffic is to be regarded as one of the greatest obstacles to the progress of the Church of Christ.

It, therefore, becomes the duty of the Christian ministry to call the attention of the people to this great evil, to preach upon it from time to time, and in all lawful ways to enlist the efforts of Christians towards the overthrow of this vast system of sin. The people of God everywhere should unite their efforts with those of the ministry, so as to create and maintain a public sentiment which shall make it impossible to legalize this traffic in any part of this State.

The Synod regards those who are engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, as violating the law of Christian love, and as unfit persons to be admitted to the membership of the Church of Christ. It recommends the formation of such organizations in our churches as may promote the cause of temperance, particularly such as may save the young from the dangers and the sins of intemperance.

The Synod also approves of the general aims of the New Jersey State Temperance Alliance ; and recommends that on the second Sabbath in

November, sermons be preached in all our pulpits on the subject of Temperance, and, if there be nothing in the way, that a collection be taken up for the use of the State Alliance.

ROBERT AIKMAN,
J. H. McILVAINE,
J. W. COCHRANE,
JOHN L. WELLS,
SERING SHANGLE,

Committee.

The Enrollment Clerk, as Committee on Excuses and Leave of Absence, reported that the following members of Synod had forwarded satisfactory reasons for absence from the

PRESENT MEETING OF SYNOD, VIZ.:

Rev. Hugh Hamill, D.D.,	Rev. E. B. Hodge,
“ John Maclean, D.D., LL.D.,	“ Jos. R. Mann, D.D.,
“ Thomas S. Dewing,	“ E. P. Shields,
“ R. B. Foresman,	“ Albert Bushnell,
“ Wm. Ballantyne,	“ J. O. Wells,
“ George C. Seibert, D.D.,	“ E. W. French, D.D.,
“ Wm. T. Doubleday,	“ Wm. S. Frackleton,
“ R. K. Rodgers, D.D.,	“ Chas. J. Collins,
“ D. M. Smith,	“ James Stebbins,
“ George Hale, D.D.,	“ Daniel R. Foster,
“ John Hall, D.D.,	Elder C. Peloubet.

The following members were granted leave of absence

AFTER WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Rev. S. M. Studdiford,	Rev. James A. Worden.
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AFTER WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Rev. R. Hamill Davis,	Rev. J. D. Randolph,
“ J. B. Kugler,	“ Henry E. Spayd,
“ W. H. Green, D.D.,	“ J. M. Hunting,
Elder Daniel Annan,	Elder S. C. Caskey,
“ Wm. N. Vanatta,	“ Daniel H. Smith,
“ D. N. Stiger,	“ Wm. P. Corsan,
Elder Wm. L. Terhune.	

AFTER WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Rev. E. M. Kellogg,	Rev. J. M. Bruen,
“ George S. Mott, D.D.,	“ E. P. Linnell,
“ T. E. Davis,	“ S. M. Hamill, D.D.,
“ L. C. Baker,	“ N. S. Aller,
“ R. Street,	“ J. A. Priest, D.D.,
“ J. G. Mason,	Elder E. Bosenbury,
Elder P. P. Hoffman,	“ J. B. Tallman,
“ Bruce Crowell,	“ E. A. Smith.

EXCUSED FROM THE SESSIONS OF TUESDAY.

Rev. E. R. Craven, D.D.

EXCUSED FROM THE SESSIONS OF TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY.

Rev. I. B. Hopwood.

EXCUSED AFTER 10:35 THURSDAY MORNING.

Rev. O. Crane, D.D.,	Rev. C. S. Converse,
“ A. H. Dashiell, Jr.,	“ R. Aikman, D.D.,
“ L. H. Atwater, D.D.,	“ F. Reck. Harbaugh,
“ Thomas Long,	“ James W. Shearer,
“ W. W. Blauvelt, D.D.,	“ George Sheldon, D.D.,
“ John Jay Crane,	Elder D. Spencer,
	Elder William Carpenter.

The report was accepted and adopted.

Ordered, That the janitor's bill be paid.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Synod are tendered to the Pastor and Session of the South Street Church, to the Committee of Entertainment and other citizens of Morristown, for their kind and generous hospitality shown to members of Synod during this meeting.

The minutes were read and approved.

Synod then adjourned to meet in the First Presbyterian Church, in the city of Trenton, on the third Tuesday of October, 1879, at three o'clock P.M.

Closed with prayer and benediction.

J. B. DAVIS,

Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

I.—STATISTICAL REPORTS.

I. PRESBYTERY OF CORISCO.

The Presbytery of Corisco report to the Synod of New Jersey that they consist of five Ministers, have under their care three Churches, two Licentiates and four Candidates, and in their Churches three hundred and fifty members.

At the annual meeting in January, 1878, they licensed Candidate Frank Shererd Myongo, and appointed him Supply of his own native Church at Benita.

Received Rev. Samuel H. Murphy from the Presbytery of Winona, and appointed him Supply of the Gaboon Church.

Dropped the name of Rev. Wilhelm Schorsch, on account of his continued mental derangement.

Removed Rev. Ibia J. Ikenge from Benita, to be Supply of the Corisco Church.

Enrolled one Candidate.

Added to the number of Lay Scripture Readers two, in the Batanga Tribe, north of Benita.

By order of Presbytery,

R. H. NASSAU, *Stated Clerk.*

II. THE PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH

Respectfully reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that it consists of fifty-two Ministers, and has under its care thirty Churches, two Licentiates and four Candidates. Presbytery further reports that on

Dec. 7th, 1877. It dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. William H. Roberts with the Church and Congregation of Cranford.

- Jan. 25th, 1878. It received the Rev. William H. Gill from the Presbytery of Allegheny, and installed him Pastor of the Church and Congregation of Westfield.
- March 1st, 1878. It dismissed the Rev. Alexander McKelvey to the Presbytery of New York.
- April 16th, 1878. It received the Rev. Albert B. King from the Presbytery of Rochester.
- April 17th, 1878. It received the Rev. Henry M. Grant from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and on the 1st day of May, installed him Pastor of the Church and Congregation of New Providence.
- April 17th, 1878. It ordained Theodore W. Hunt, a Professor in the College of New Jersey, to the office of the Gospel ministry.
- July 15th, 1878. It dismissed Mr. Joseph G. Williamson, Jr., a Licentiate under its care, to the Presbytery of Brooklyn.
- Oct. 1st, 1878. It received the Rev. Harvey A. Sackett from the Presbytery of Chemung. On the same day it dismissed the Rev. Aaron Peck to the Presbytery of Brooklyn, and revoked the license of Mr. Joseph R. Milligan.
- Oct. 1st, 1878. It received Mr. James F. Riggs, a Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, and on the 7th inst., ordained and installed him Pastor of the Church and Congregation of Cranford.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. RANKIN, *Stated Clerk.*

III. PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

The Presbytery of Jersey City consists of thirty-two Ministers, and has under its care twenty-six Churches, two Licentiates and four Candidates.

I. PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

April 16th. Rev. R. D. Smith, with the Church of Union.

II. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

April 16th. Rev. J. C. Edwards, to the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.

May 1st. Rev. W. L. Moore, to the Classis of Passaic.

III. CANDIDATE LICENSED.

April 16th. Willard Scott.

IV. DEATHS IN THE MINISTRY.

- July 4th. Rev. James Harkness, M.D., Pastor of the Third Church, Jersey City, in the seventy-sixth year of his age.
 Aug. 8th. Rev. Jacob Wahrenberger, Stated Supply of the First German Church, Paterson, in the fifty-fourth year of his age.

Approved by Presbytery October 1st, 1878.

THOS. G. WALL, *Stated Clerk.*

IV. PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Number of Members	41
“ Churches.....	41
“ Candidates.....	3
“ Licentiates.....	..

- Oct. 11th, 1877. Organized Calvary Church, at Riverton, N. J.
 April 9th, 1878. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. J. Wynne Jones to the Church of Tuckerton.
 April 9th, 1878. Dismissed Rev. J. W. Jones to the Presbytery of Baltimore.
 June 28th, 1878. Dissolved the pastoral relation of the Rev. R. R. Hoes to the Church of Mount Holly.
 Mar. 21st, 1878. Rev. Edmund McKinney died, in the sixty-fourth year of his age.

By order of Presbytery,

J. B. DAVIS, *Stated Clerk.*

V. PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange report to the Synod of New Jersey, that they consist of forty-two Ministers and have under their care thirty-nine Churches and two Candidates.

- Nov. 12th, 1877. Rev. A. V. C. Johnson resigned his pastoral charge of the Church of Chatham.
 Nov. 22d, 1877. Rev. Theodore F. White, D.D., was received from the Presbytery of Geneva.
 Nov. 22d, 1877. Rev. W. F. Whittaker was received from the Presbytery of Long Island, and installed into the pastoral office of the Church of St. Cloud.
 Dec. 21st, 1877. Thomas E. Souper, a Licentiate, was ordained.

- Jan. 31st, 1878. Rev. J. Richelson resigned his pastoral charge of the German Churches of Morristown and Myersville, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.
- April 9th, 1878. Rev. Thomas Tyack resigned his pastoral charge of the Church of Berkshire Valley, and was dismissed to the Presbytery of Newton.
- April 9th, 1878. Rev. J. C. Edwards was received from the Presbytery of Jersey City.
- April 10th, 1878. Rev. Henry M. Grant was dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.
- April 10th, 1878. Mr. James F. Riggs was licensed to preach the Gospel.
- April 22d, 1878. Rev. E. R. Fairchild, D.D., departed this life.
- May 26th, 1878. The German Church of Pleasant Valley was organized.
- July 29th, 1878. Rev. J. W. Hillman resigned his pastoral charge of the Church of Morris Plains.
- Sept. 18th, 1878. Rev. Thomas E. Souper was dismissed to the Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- Sept. 18th, 1878. James F. Riggs was dismissed to the Presbytery of Elizabeth.
- Sept. 18th, 1878. The German Church of Morristown (virtually dissolved) was dropped from the roll.

B. C. MEGIE, *Stated Clerk.*

VI. PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

The Presbytery of Newark to the Synod of New Jersey reports as follows:

That it consists of forty-seven Ministers, two Licentiates and twenty-six Candidates, and has under its care twenty-two Churches, only one of which is without a Pastor.

That it dismissed two Licentiates, Mr. Herbert G. Lord, February 6th, 1878, to connect with the Presbytery of Buffalo, and Mr. Samuel R. Warrender, May 14th, 1878, to connect with the Presbytery of Toronto, Canada.

That it received the Rev. John Ward from the Presbytery of Hudson, May 14th, 1878, and the Rev. Edward H. Camp from the Presbytery of Cincinnati, October 2d, 1878.

That it licensed Mr. William R. Lord, May 14th, 1878, and received as a Licentiate under its care, Mr. William A. Stamon of Germany, on

approved testimonials and after satisfactory examinations, October 3d, 1878.

That it received the following Candidates, on examination, in the study of Theology, Messrs. Henry Seibert and William Baeler, November 7th, 1877, and Messrs. Edward L. Curtis, Hollis B. Frissell, J. Joseph Rankin, Robert C. Clark, and James Henry Darlington, April 3d, 1878.

That it dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. Isaac M. See and the Wickliffe Church, October 2d, 1878.

That it dropped from the roll of its members, at his own request, the name of Rev. Isaac M. See, October 3d, 1878.

And that one of its venerable members, Rev. Christopher M. Nickels, D.D., died on the 10th day of July, 1878, in the seventy-third year of his age.

By order of Presbytery,

WILLIAM T. FINDLEY, *Stated Clerk.*

VII. PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick reports to the Synod of New Jersey that it consists of sixty-three Ministers, and has under its care thirty-two Churches, four Licentiates and twenty Candidates.

It further reports the following:

I. MINISTERS RECEIVED.

- April 9th, 1878. Rev. James A. Worden, from the Presbytery of Steubenville.
 April 9th, 1878. Rev. Joseph W. Porter, from Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.
 April 22d, 1878. Rev. John M. Rogers, from Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

II. MINISTER DISMISSED.

- April 9, 1878. Rev. Samuel Harrison, to Presbytery of Philadelphia North.

III. PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

- April 10th, 1878. Rev. John S. Beekman, with Amwell First Church.

IV. CHURCH ORGANIZED.

- Dec. 6th, 1877. Hopewell.

V. ORDINATION.

- Oct. 11th, 1878. James F. McCurdy.

VI. ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION.

April 6th, 1878. Minot S. Morgan, Pastor Hopewell Church.

VII. INSTALLATIONS.

Nov. 2d, 1877. Rev. Horace G. Hinsdale, Pastor Princeton First Church.

April 8th, 1878. Rev. Joseph W. Porter, Pastor Trenton Fifth Church.

IX. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON CERTIFICATE.

April 22d, 1878. Preston Barr, from Presbytery of Kittaning.

Oct. 11th, 1878. Duncan MacKenzie, from Presbytery of Pictou, N. S.

X. CANDIDATES RECEIVED ON EXAMINATION.

Nov. 2d, 1877. William N. Chambers.

April 22d, 1878. Samuel J. Rowland, David B. McMurdy, Robert McCheyne Mateer.

Oct. 1st, 1878. David Laughlin.

XI. CANDIDATES LICENSED.

Nov. 2d, 1877. Charles S. Barrett.

April 10th, 1878. George W. Ely.

April 22d, 1878. Alexander William McLeod.

XII. CANDIDATE DISMISSED.

Feb. 20th, 1878. De Lacy Wardlaw to Presbytery of Nashville.

XIII. LICENTIATES DISMISSED.

March 8th, 1878. Moses F. Paisley to Presbytery of Freeport.

April 10th, 1878. George W. Ely to Presbytery of Lackawanna.

XIV. CERTIFICATE RETURNED.

April 22d, 1878. Of Candidate Alexander William McLeod, dismissed to Presbytery of Westchester.

XV. MINISTERS DECEASED.

June 19th, 1878. Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., LL.D.

Aug. 6th, 1878. Rev. Charles W. Nassau, D.D.

By order of Presbytery,

A. L. ARMSTRONG, *Stated Clerk.*

VIII. PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

The Presbytery of Newton reports to the Synod of New Jersey, that it consists of thirty-three Ministers and has under its care thirty-four Churches, three Licentiates and two Candidates for the Gospel Ministry.

It further reports :

I. MINISTERS RECEIVED.

- April 9th, 1878. Rev. Thomas Tyack, from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange.
 May 24th, 1878. Rev. David Stevenson, from the Presbytery of Indianapolis.
 Sept. 19th, 1878. Rev. Alexander Proudfit, from the Presbytery of West Jersey.

II. MINISTERS DISMISSED.

- Jan. 17th, 1878. Rev. Charles E. Burns, to the Presbytery of Philadelphia Central.
 April 9th, 1878. Rev. William B. McKee, to the Presbytery of Neosho.
 April 9th, 1878. Rev. James Petrie, to the Presbytery of Lackawanna.
 June 25th, 1878. Rev. Thomas McCauley, to the Presbytery of Chester.

III. PASTORAL RELATION DISSOLVED.

- June 2d, 1878. Rev. Thomas McCauley, with the Church of Hackettstown.

IV. MINISTERS INSTALLED.

- Sept. 19th, 1878. Rev. Alexander Proudfit, pastor of the Church of Hackettstown.

V. CANDIDATES RECEIVED BY EXAMINATION.

- April 10th, 1878. Mr. J. Harvey Gulick.

VI. LICENSED TO PREACH THE GOSPEL.

- April 10th, 1878. Mr. Isaac H. Condit.
 April 10th, 1878. Mr. Clearfield Park.
 April 10th, 1878. Mr. John W. Cline.

VII. DIED.

- May 19th, 1878. Rev. Sylvester Cooke, at Gaithersburg, Md., in the seventy-eighth year of his age, and the forty-ninth of his ministry.
 Sept. 30th, 1878. Rev. John A. Reiley, at Clinton, La., in the sixty-third year of his age, and the thirty-third of his ministry.

By order of the Presbytery,

E. C. CLINE, *Stated Clerk.*

IX. PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Members	43
Churches..	39
Candidates	5
Oct. 17th, 1877.	Received Alexander Scotland, Licentiate, from Presbytery of West Chester.
Oct. 30th, 1877.	Ordained him to the ministry and installed him over the Church at Williamstown.
Dec. 26th, 1877.	Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. A. A. E. Wanderer and the Church at Swedesborough. Dismissed him to the Presbytery of Nassau.
Dec. 26th, 1877.	Received Henry Martin Kellogg, Licentiate, from the Congregational Association of Manchester and Derry.
Jan. 21st, 1878.	Received Rev. Edward P. Heberton from the Presbytery of Columbus.
April 1st, 1878.	Installed him over the Church of Deerfield.
April 17th, 1878.	Dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. J. K. Wilson and the First Presbyterian Church, Cedarville. Dismissed him to the Presbytery of Solomon, Synod of Kansas.
April 17th, 1878.	Licensed Andrew J. Sullivan to preach the Gospel. Dismissed him to the Tolland County Association, (Congregational,) Connecticut.
April 17th, 1878.	Dismissed Rev. L. H. Parsons to the Presbytery of New York.
April 17th, 1878.	Dropped from the roll the name of Rev. A. G. Baker, who has joined the Protestant Episcopal Church.
April 18th, 1878.	Ordained, as an Evangelist, Rev. Henry Martin Kellogg.
May 14th, 1878.	Installed Rev. J. G. Shinn over the Church of Waterford.
July 13th, 1878.	Rev. Robert Osborne departed this life.
Sept. 5th, 1878.	Dismissed Rev. Alexander Proudfit to the Presbytery of Newton.
Oct. 2d, 1878.	Received Mr. Augustus Fredericks, Licentiate, from the Presbytery of Cayuga.
Oct. 8th, 1878.	Ordained him to the Gospel Ministry and installed him pastor at Swedesborough.

ED. P. SHIELDS, *Stated Clerk.*

II.—REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON SYSTEMATIC BENEFICENCE.

Your Committee, during the past year, has directed its attention chiefly to securing more thorough organization for the work of Benevolence, and more careful consideration of it in the various Presbyteries. The need for this effort was shown by the fact that some of the committees in the Presbyteries hardly knew of their own existence, and failed to realize that they had a very important part to perform in the work of the Church and the Master.

We are all in error, when we look upon Systematic Beneficence as the simple offering of money to God. The word itself ought to teach us a higher truth. Benevolence is *well-wishing*, and Beneficence is *well-doing*. Money is chiefly valuable for what it can purchase. It means, to most men, bread, clothes, comforts, books, lands. So the money which the Church seeks to secure, means Bibles, Missionaries, the Gospel, Salvation, Eternal Life. The Boards and other departments of our Church work are the channels through which the water of life flows to the perishing. The work of Beneficence consists in looking after the earthly sources of supply, and securing an abundant and constant flow. With this conception of our office, we think we do right to "magnify" it.

As the committee is composed of one from each Presbytery, and its members are thus scattered through the State, it has been found difficult to meet for conference, and what has been accomplished has been done by correspondence. The letters received from the several Presbyteries show, for the most part, a deep interest in the work, and an increasing faithfulness in presenting its claims.

In the report of the *Presbytery of Corisco* all the columns of its three Churches are filled, showing that the grace of giving is rightly appreciated in Africa. In having no blanks, it is the leading Presbytery of the Synod, and illustrates the Saviour's saying, "There are last that shall be first."

In the *Presbytery of Elizabeth*, there has been a decrease in the contributions to every object except Church Erection, under which head there was an increase from \$776 to \$2,248, and Miscellaneous, where there was an increase of nearly \$300.

The Chairman of the *Jersey City Presbytery* reports that the work is thoroughly organized and systematically pressed. The Presbyterial Committee of Beneficence is composed of nine members, one for each

of the Assembly's Boards, and an additional one who acts as chairman. "These sub-chairmen, who represent the Boards, push up the Churches to their duty. Each Church has a note from the chairman of each sub-committee, and, in most instances, replies are sent by the Churches." The Presbyteries of Newton and West Jersey are organized on the same principle, and your Committee would suggest the wisdom of its adoption in the remaining Presbyteries. From *Jersey City* we learn further: "Our Presbytery has made a decided advance in the general benevolent work. Our Churches have generally taken collections for all the Boards. Even our German Churches, where we have pastors from our Bloomfield section, are coming into line. The failures with us have been in the cases of Churches burdened with debt, or without pastors. On the whole, I feel greatly encouraged."

From the *Presbytery of Monmouth*, we learn: "The cause of Benevolence is growing. We spent an evening, not long since, in calling upon the Churches for a statement of their methods of benevolent work, and the results. These two gratifying facts were developed: nearly every Church had a *system* of work; and the contributions were increasing, and especially the *number of contributors* was increasing. We are slowly growing up to the standard of every Church contributing to every object of the Assembly's schedule. Quite a number of our Churches do little more than exist, and the number of blanks looks painfully large, and yet even these Churches are being urged up to the point of filling all their blanks." These statements are proved by the statistics of the Presbytery, which show that the average of gifts per member has increased from \$1.65 in 1877, to \$1.76 in 1878.

Every other Presbytery, except West Jersey, shows a decrease under this head.

In *Morris and Orange Presbytery* the same methods have been pursued as formerly. The subject is presented in some form at each regular meeting, the Committee of Beneficence acting in concert with the Committee of Arrangements to insure this. Each year a table of Comparative Statistics is issued by the committee for distribution in the pews of the Churches, bringing the information contained in the Assembly's Minutes, as far as the Presbytery is concerned, within the reach of all the members of our congregations. Your Committee regret to state that there has been a large decrease in the benevolent gifts of this Presbytery during the last two years, amounting, for both years, to \$14,045. This has brought it from the first to the second place in the average of gifts per member. The falling off has not been caused chiefly by the stringency in financial matters, but by the large sums given for canceling debts and improving church property. This is shown by the fact that the congregational expenses for 1877 exceeded

those of 1876 by \$50,700. Those for 1878 exceed the preceding year by \$32,960.

The Chairman of the *Presbytery of Newark* (Dr. Wilson) writes: "I feel the deepest interest in this most important object, and will heartily co-operate in anything that may promote it, until we all 'touch bottom' in this grace of giving, which I conceive to be giving from 'deep poverty,' giving from SACRIFICE, which is the law of Christ's kingdom at all points. The subject has received due attention at the meetings of Presbytery, and new methods for circulating information among the Churches are being considered." This Presbytery stands *first* in the Synod this year, in the average of gifts per member.

In the *Presbytery of New Brunswick* the custom prevails of calling for an explanation from those Churches that have failed to contribute to any of the Assembly's objects during the year. The good effect of this appears in the fact that there are only *three* blanks in the statistical report of this Presbytery, and occurring in three different Churches. In this matter, it leads the Synod, coming after Corisco, which has no blanks, but in a sense, beyond it, because it has so many more to fill. We thus see the benefit of that submission to authority which pervades the region where those Churches lie.

The last General Assembly put its seal upon the method followed in this Presbytery (General Assembly Minutes, page 56): "An annual collection from each of the Churches (under the Assembly) would yield 40,000 collections. The number of collections last year was considerably less than 20,000. For want of larger contributions the cause of Christ, as committed to our Church, is suffering in all its branches." The Minute then urges both Churches and Presbyteries to endeavor to secure a contribution from each Church for every object, and closes by saying: "The Presbyteries are advised and urged, at their stated Spring meetings, to ascertain in what Churches within their several bounds these objects have thus been presented, and in all cases of omission to ask the reasons therefor."

An admirable report was presented at the Spring meeting of the *Presbytery of Newton*, by the Chairman of the Beneficent Committee, showing how the Presbytery stood for several years in benevolent work. Two hundred copies of this were issued and sent out to each Pastor and Elder. This report says, in regard to the Presbyterial Committee work among the Churches: "It has not been as extended or specific as we could desire. But we have written to every Church; to some, words of commendation; to some, words of exhortation. We reminded all of the approach of the end of the ecclesiastical year, and to some we made special suggestions which we trust were received in good part." The report shows an annual decrease in the benevo-

lent gifts of the Churches since 1874—a decrease which is not large, however, considering the character of the times.

In the *Presbytery of West Jersey*, the Committee of Beneficence has been re-organized, and promises efficient work in the future. It is one of the very few Presbyteries in which there has been an increase in every department of benevolence; in gifts to the Boards, in congregational expenses, in miscellaneous gifts, and in the average of gifts per member.

Having thus given the aspect of the work in each Presbytery, we ask your attention to some statistics showing the position of the Synod as a whole :

1. The amount given by each Presbytery, and the average per communicant, to all the departments of Church work, whether sent through the Boards or not, is as follows :

PRESBYTERIES.	(Deduct 1-10 of communicants.)			
	AMOUNT FOR '77.	AVERAGE.	AMOUNT FOR '78.	AVERAGE.
Corisco	\$288	\$1.01	\$324	\$1.00
Elizabeth.....	19,599	3.54	17,415	3.00
Jersey City.....	10,799	2.87	9,950	2.57
Monmouth	7,286	1.65	7,758	1.76
Morris and Orange.....	31,323	4.80	25,481	4.40
Newark	35,849	6.39	31,844	5.35
New Brunswick.....	19,701	3.47	20,025	3.28
Newton.....	10,243	2.16	8,665	1.79
West Jersey.....	7,602	1.70	7,714	1.79
Synod.....	\$142,690	\$3.51	\$129,176	\$3.12
Decrease			13,514	.39

In the average of gifts per member, for 1878, the Presbyteries take the following order. Newark (\$5.35), Morris and Orange (\$4.40), New Brunswick (\$3.28), Elizabeth (\$3), Jersey City (\$2.57), Newton (\$1.79), West Jersey (\$1.79), Monmouth (\$1.76), Corisco (\$1). The largest decrease in amount is in the Presbytery of Morris and Orange (\$5,842). New Brunswick and Corisco have advanced in amount, but fallen in the average per member; Monmouth and West Jersey have advanced in both. If we compare these averages with others of the Church at large, we shall find that our Synod and Presbyteries stand well up on the list. The average of gifts per member to the eight objects of benevolence included in the Assembly's minutes, for the whole Church, is \$2.14; for our Synod, \$3.12. In the list of thirty-seven Synods, we stand fourth, the order being: New York (\$6.68), Baltimore (\$4.30),

Columbus (3.74), New Jersey (\$3.12), Philadelphia (\$3.11). The Presbytery of Newark stands fourth of the 178, the order being New York (\$12), Baltimore (\$10.77), Oregon (\$6), Newark (\$5.35), Cincinnati (\$4.82), Philadelphia (\$4.56), Cleveland (\$4.52), Morris and Orange (\$4.40).

For all Church work, including congregational expenses, the Synod gave in 1877, \$882,496—average, \$21.69. In 1878, \$843,799—average, \$20.11. Decrease, \$38,697.

The small proportion of money given to the purely Benevolent work of the Church is worthy of note. In the Church at large, of \$8,281,956 spent last year, only \$1,094,196, less than one-seventh, went to the eight objects of Benevolence. Of \$843,799 raised in this Synod, only \$128,176, less than one-sixth, went to these objects.

The more spiritual a sin is, the more deceptive, often, and dangerous. We recognize the evils of spiritual pride. Are we in no danger from spiritual selfishness when we spend six or seven times more upon our own Churches than we give to others? It has been stated that the Moravian Church spends more for Foreign Missions than for the support of home Churches. How glorious would be the results if the Presbyterian Church gave even half of what is raised, for benevolent work. We have all rejoiced at the debt-paying movement which has swept over our Churches like the blessed Autumn breeze, chasing the fogs away and letting in the sunlight everywhere. O that the same breeze might send thousands of ships across the sea, bearing the bread of life! O that the day of the Lord's power might come, making His people willing to give as they ought! O for a true missionary revival!

2. The average per communicant of the Synod as a whole, to the departments of Church work, is as follows:

	1877.	1878.
Home Missions.....	\$1.44	\$1.12
Foreign Missions.....	1.19	1.03
Education.....	.39	.31
Publication.....	.09	.10
Church Erection.....	.19	.19
Relief Fund.....	.14	.12
Freedmen.....	.13	.11
Sustentation.....	.07	.06

Of the Presbyteries, in the average of gifts for Foreign Missions, Morris and Orange stands first, with \$1.61 per communicant; Newark gave \$1.34. For Home Missions, Newark gave \$2.54, Morris and Orange \$1.74.

3. The sum given by the Synod as a whole to each of the Boards, and the amount received from each for work within our bounds:

	CONTRIBUTED BY SYNOD.		EXPENDED IN SYNOD.	
	1877.	1878.	1877.	1878.
Home Missions.....	\$20,115	\$19,967	\$7,757	\$9,238
Foreign Missions...	27,670	23,555
Education.....	4,764	4,365	3,525	4,559
Publication.....	3,646	3,604	2,014	1,155
Church Election....	5,431	4,526	2,660	2,050
Ministerial Relief..	5,957	5,172	3,895	3,750
Freedmen	5,679	4,727
Sustentation.....	2,868	2,043	8	387
Total	\$76,130	\$67,959	\$19,859	\$21,139

We find from this table that in 1877 \$66,560, or nearly one-half of the amount contributed by the Synod to Benevolent work went through other channels than the Boards. In 1878 \$67,959, or more than one-half, went through other channels—only \$61,217 for this great Synod going through the regular channels. The Presbytery of New Jersey receives from the Board of Home Missions more than it contributes to the Board, yet it reports twice as much given to Home Missions. Received by Boards from Synod above amount donated, 1877, \$56,271; 1878, \$46,820.

4. In the matter of blank spaces in the columns of Church work, the Presbyteries stand as follows:

	CHURCHES.		BLANKS.	
Corisco.....	3	0		
New Brunswick.....	32	3	have 3	1 no pastor.
Newton.....	34	12	" 44	1 "
Elizabeth.....	30	13	" 50	2 "
Monmouth.....	41	15	" 72	1 "
Morris and Orange.....	38	16	" 73	4 "
Newark	22	17	" 53	.. "
West Jersey.....	39	23	" 120	7 "
Jersey City.....	26	20	" 89	3 "
Total	265	113	" 504	19 "

As there are two hundred and sixty-five Churches within the bounds of the Synod, and eight departments of Church work, there were two thousand one hundred and twenty blanks to be filled. Of these five hundred and four (or one out of every four and two-tenths) were left blank. Last year there were two hundred and sixty-three Churches and two thousand one hundred and four blanks to be filled. Of these five hundred and twelve (or one out of every four and one-tenth) was

left blank. We see, therefore, some progress in this important matter, but we are yet far short of the rule which the Assembly lays down, and to which love for the Church, our neighbor and our Master would bring us—an offering from every Church for each of these worthy objects.

Of the two hundred and sixty-five Churches, one hundred and forty-six have contributed to all the departments of Church work. Last year one hundred and forty-one thus contributed. In 1877, one hundred and twenty-two; in 1878, one hundred and nineteen neglected one or more. The number of blanks would have been much smaller if it had not appeared to many unnecessary to give to the full and unused treasury of Sustentation.

Your Committee believe that one great means for the development of a spirit of benevolence in our people is the bringing of information on the subject before the Church. Giving is a grace. Knowledge lies at the foundation of it as it does of faith and other graces. Said Dr. Guthrie, when working for some of those great schemes of benevolence which he established so successfully, "Nothing can be done without *agitation*, Mr. Moderator; you can't even make butter without it." What is agitation, but the constant and zealous presentation of truth—"line upon line, here a little and there a little"?

In order to secure more attention to this subject, so vital at this time, your committee have two recommendations:

1. It shall be hereafter a standing rule of this Synod that the last two hours of the afternoon's session and the whole of the evening session of the second day be devoted to the subject of Benevolence and Church Work; and that the Committee of Systematic Beneficence act with the Committee of Arrangements in selecting topics and speakers for these services.

2. An overture or recommendation of the following import shall be sent by this Synod to the General Assembly:

The Synod of New Jersey would respectfully call the attention of the General Assembly to the fact that the subject of Systematic Beneficence received very little consideration in the last Assembly; and that the present arrangement of the Assembly failed to secure anything of profit on this subject to the church at large—only three Synods of thirty-seven sending any report to the highest Church Court. On every hand the need of a larger Spirit of Benevolence, for the help of our Church Work, is recognized. We are falling back all along the line, and must be vigilant or the retreat will be turned into a rout. Therefore, this Synod respectfully but earnestly overtures the General Assembly, asking that a committee of one from each of the Assembly's Boards, or some other committee, be appointed to act either as a Per-

manent Committee to secure more attention for this great object, or to act as a Temporary Committee to devise some plan by which more general consideration may be gained for the subject in our Church.

3. We recommend that the chairman of your committee be authorized to report to the next Assembly the condition of Systematic Beneficence within our bounds, as ordered by the last Assembly. (Min. p. 104.)

Your Committee, in closing, would express their deep conviction that as giving is a grace it can be only properly secured by the operation of the spirit of grace working in and through and above all means and methods, and would record its sense of the need of prayer that the Churches may abound in this grace.

All which is respectfully submitted,

I. W. COCHRAN, *Chairman.*

III. — REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S SYNODICAL SOCIETY FOR WORK IN FOREIGN MISSIONS.

During the year ending April, 1878, the women of our Church within the Synod of New Jersey, gave for the special work of Foreign Missions, \$18,779.78.

There are seven Presbyterian Societies, contributing during the year as follows :

PRESBYTERIES.

Elibabeth.....	\$2,713.10
Jersey City.....	2,241.63
Monmouth.....	911.74
Newark.....	4,487.42
New Brunswick.....	2,861.33
Newton.....	1,315.67
West Jersey.....	844.11

There were miscellaneous gifts sent directly to the Treasurer of the Woman's Board in Philadelphia, amounting to \$1,983.28, and others to the Woman's Board in New York City, chiefly from the Presbytery of Morris and Orange, \$1,431.50, making in all \$18,779.78.

The work done by means of these gifts into the Treasury of the Lord, may be briefly told. Nineteen Missionaries supported in eight different countries: Five in India—Mrs. Holcomb, Miss Seward, Miss Ogden, Mrs. Goheen and Mrs. Chatturjee; one in Siam—Mrs. McGilvary; six in China—Mrs. Hopper, Miss Tillie Hopper, Miss Mattie Noyes, Miss Lucy Crouch, Miss Alice Cooley and Mrs. Capp; two in Japan—Mrs. Hepburn and Miss Youngman; two in Syria—Miss Eddy and Mrs. Calhoun; one in Mexico—Mrs. Hutchinson; one in California—Mrs. Preston; and one in South America—Miss Ella Kuhl.

Seven Bible readers and native teachers supported in India, China, Syria and South America; twenty-seven schools in India, China, Syria, Japan and South America; and fifty-nine scholarships in Dehra, Mynpurie, Allahabad, Kolapoor, Saharanpur and Futtehghurh, in India, Rio Claro, in South America, Bangkok, in Siam, Canton, Ningpo, Shanghai and Tungchow, in China, and Sidon, in Syria.

One of our Missionaries died within the year, Mrs. Goheen of Kolapoor, India, and one of the Home officers, Mrs. Edward B. Hodge, of

Burlington, Monmouth Presbytery, a secretary at the meeting one year ago, in Newark. Upon one the shadow of death fell slowly, and she had many weary days of waiting for the coming of her Lord. The other was called away in the midst of a bright and happy life. She had a quick translation, one hour with her dearest earthly friends here, the next with the best Beloved of her soul, the Saviour whom she served and adored. These both "died in the faith." God alone can tell of the earnest prayers, the longing hopes, the self-denying labors they and many others also have given in the sacred cause of Foreign Missions.

May this year bring forth more fruit than last.

(Signed,)

M. M. HODGE,

Secretary.

The following officers were unanimously elected at the meeting held in the Chapel of the First Church, at Morristown, October 14th, 1878, to serve during the coming year :

President—MRS. R. T. HAINES, Elizabeth.

Vice President—MRS. W. M. SCRIBNER, Plainfield.

Corresponding Secretary—MRS. A. A. HODGE, Princeton.

Recording Secretary—MRS. JOEL PARKER, Freehold.

ALETHIA M. CARTER,

Secretary pro tem.

IV.—PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

REPORT OF WOMAN'S WORK FOR MISSIONS.

The Presbytery of Morris and Orange reports to the Synod that it has no Society for Woman's Work in formal connection with the Presbytery. But there are in the individual Churches sixteen such societies, which secured for Foreign Missions last year \$3,144.78, and for Home Missions, in boxes and money, \$2,691.

J. W. COCHRAN,

ALBERT ERDMAN,

Committee.

V.—REPORT OF THE SYNODICAL COMMITTEE FOR WOMAN'S WORK IN HOME MISSIONS.

This Committee was constituted a year ago, October 16th, 1877, at Newark, in accordance with the recommendation of the General Assembly of 1876, and confirmed by the Synod of New Jersey of the same year. We thank God for the cordial recognition given to Woman's Work in the Church by the Fathers and Brethren of this Synod. We find that to be organized "in direct harmony with the Scriptural and sufficient links, which inhere in the system of our church," gives our efforts an element of power, and also of permanence, not otherwise secured.

We hope that allowance will be made in regard to this our first report. It will take time to spread information as to the destitutions of religious privilege, the idolatry and superstitions to be found within the limits of these United States. Many of these sad facts have come to the women of our churches as a new revelation. Interest has been aroused wherever the wants of our own country have been made known, which has been turned to good practical account, as we have been told of the success granted to Home Missionary Work. The entrance of God's word always gives light.

The fourteen Conventions held within the bounds of this Synod, in February and March of this year, had decided effect in awakening those privileged to attend them to more intelligent prayer and larger contributions to the cause of Christ in this land. The statements made by Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson, of Colorado, were often more than confirmed by other eye-witnesses of the scenes described.

In view of the experience gained at these Conventions, the Synodical Committee ventures to suggest that some of our Home Missionaries be invited at times, for a few weeks, to tell the story in our churches of what they have themselves seen and heard. They might come to better effect, we trust, than did Caleb and Joshua of old, to inspirit us to go forward and possess this whole wide land for Jesus.

We find that the plan of late adopted by the Board of Home Missions, of employing Christian women as teachers in Utah, Alaska, etc., meets with great favor. It affords an appropriate outlet to the sympathy awakened in view of the great needs of the home-field.

Our report as to "Boxes" and cash collections, is as follows:

PREBYTERIES.	Churches sending Boxes.	Value of Boxes.	Churches giving Money only.	Amounts.	Total Amounts.
Elizabeth	5	\$840.50	12	\$638.81	\$1,479.31
Jersey City	4	626.46	3	36.22	662.67
Monmouth	4	625.00	9	145.75	770.75
Morris and Orange.....	3	230.00	230.00
Newark	6	1,363.71	4	543.29	1,907.00
New Brunswick.....	11	2,313.36	16	1,021.00	3,334.36
Newton	5	699.04	7	126.40	825.44
West Jersey.....	2	308.00	5	410.18	718.18
	40	\$7,006.07	56	\$2,921.65	\$9,927.72

Cash paid to Ladies' Board of Missions, New York, \$50.

These statistics may not be complete—some local reports came to the Secretary freighted with what is not distinctively Home Missionary Work, such as that done for the German Theological Seminary, City Missions, Sunday Schools at South and West, and Local Charities. All this is very important, amounting in cash, as given, to \$874.83, but cannot properly come into this statement.

Some of the money given went in connection with the "boxes."

One of our Committee, after speaking of encouragement in efforts made for Home Missions in a few churches, small as to membership, but rich in faith, adds: "My appeals to the larger churches were in vain. I wish they could see what a blessing it would be to them to come into this work."

As seen from the foregoing summary, the women of fifty-five churches have contributed money to this cause, being forty-three more than were thus reported last year. The Presbytery of New Brunswick still takes the lead. Our money collections show an increase of \$1,838.65. We thank God, and take courage; and hope for the continued endorsement and co-operation of the Synod.

The Synodical Committee has learned with interest of recent action on the part of the Board of Home Missions in regard to Woman's Work, such as, by the blessing of God, may tend to define and to unify it all through the Presbyterian Church, and render it more efficient.

We greatly regret the loss of our President, Mrs. Thos. McCauley, caused by the removal of her husband, Rev. T. McCauley, from the bounds of this Synod.

The following nominations for members of this Synodical Committee, to serve the coming year, were made at the annual meeting, held, as by recommendation of Synod, in the Chapel of the First Presbyterian

Church, Morristown, N. J., October 15th, 1878, and are respectfully sent in to the Synod for change or confirmation :

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth.

Mrs. O. E. Boyd, Rahway.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

Mrs. Ashbel Green, Tenafly.

Mrs. J. D. Bedle.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Miss Mary Taylor, Burlington.

Mrs. J. D. Buckalew, Jamesburg.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

Mrs. Dr. Aikman, Madison.

Mrs. Matthew Mitchell, Morristown.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

Miss Julia H. Nichols.

Mrs. Prentis de Veuve.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

Mrs. E. C. Howell, Trenton.

Mrs. E. Nevius, Flemington.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

Mrs. Henry E. Spayd, Harmony.

Mrs. Henry D. Gregory, Blairstown.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

Mrs. Daniel Stratton, Salem.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

President—Mrs. H. D. Gregory, Blairstown.

Vice President—Mrs. Joel Parker, Freehold.

Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. R. T. Haines, Elizabeth.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Langdon, Elizabeth.

Respectfully submitted, by order of the Committee,

F. E. H. HAINES,

Secretary.

VI.—REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON CHURCH EXTENSION AND HOME MISSIONS.

The Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions present to the Synod their sixth annual report. The reports from the several Presbyterial Committees will be given first in order, that the Mission work and the work of Church Extension throughout the whole Synod may be clearly known.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWTON.

No new places have opened during the year as points to be occupied for Christ and His Church. All the old fields have been faithfully filled, with, perhaps, the exception of Montana; and even this little feeble flock has been supplied with the Gospel every fortnight during the Summer and the Fall, and will be looked after again. Vacant Churches have called settled pastors, or are served by stated supplies.

PRESBYTERY OF JERSEY CITY.

The condition of our Churches has changed little during the year, but the changes that have taken place are in the direction of strength and progress.

Only one Church is visibly weaker than it was a year ago—the Church at Union. The pastor has resigned, and there is no session, and at present the material is wanting from which to form one.

The prospects of the Elm Street Church of Paterson are brightening, and the Third Church of Paterson, which has been oppressed by a very heavy debt which threatened its extinction, expects soon to be entirely relieved. This good work will be accomplished through the generosity of friends in the First and Second Churches, and a large sum from a friend in New York. The Third Church of Jersey City has recently lost its pastor, Dr. Harkness, and is burdened with a very heavy debt, but the congregation is full of energy and hope. They have provided for the interest on their debt, and expect soon to settle a pastor.

The Church at Lake View is advancing. It has paid part of its debt. The population of the village is increasing, and the congregation is larger than it has ever been.

The Sunday Schools of the Presbytery are in a prosperous condition, and all Church interests are promising.

PRESBYTERY OF MORRIS AND ORANGE.

During the year the Presbytery has deemed it wise to disband the German Church of Morristown. It had done a good work, but the German population has not increased, the young people speak the English language, and the members of the Church have nearly all been received into the other Churches of Morristown. The Churches of Mine Hill and Berkshire Valley have been united under one pastorate with good results in every way. The German Church of Orange has long carried a heavy debt of \$5,000, to its own hurt and the discomfiture of the Presbytery. Measures have been taken which we confidently expect will result in the early removal of this load, and give to this important Church a happy and successful future.

On the 26th of May last the Presbytery organized the German Church of Pleasant Valley, in Orange Mountain, with a membership of sixty persons. A comely building has been erected by this energetic congregation, at a cost of \$3,000, of which \$500 remains unpaid, which it is hoped will be obtained from the Assembly's Board of Church Erection. This new German Church is regarded as an interesting and very hopeful enterprise. Since the last report the Church at Morris Plains has dedicated its new building free from debt.

When the Synod met last year this building in which it is now gathered was just about to be enclosed. The promise was that the top stone would be laid without the encumbrance of the smallest debt. That promise has been fulfilled, and of the wisdom and capacity of those who planned this noble structure and carried it to completion the familiar words need only be spoken, "*Si monumentum quæris, circumspice.*"

Early in the present year the Central Church of Orange, at a single effort, uplifted from itself a debt of \$27,000. The Church of East Orange, which last year enlarged their edifice at a heavy cost, has this year freed itself from a debt of \$12,000.

PRESBYTERY OF NEWARK.

(No report.)

PRESBYTERY OF ELIZABETH.

During the past year the German Church at Elizabethport has completed a beautiful edifice, and is carrying forward its work in this important field with increasing encouragement.

The First Church of Metuchen has freed itself from a grievous debt of long standing. In regard to Special Mission Work there is nothing to report in addition to the particulars given last year.

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The Presbytery of New Brunswick would report: That during the year past there have been few changes claiming notice in our Church Extension work. The new enterprise at Hopewell is growing vigorously and promises soon to take its place among our self-supporting Churches. The Church at Hamilton Square has been reaping the fruits of its mission work in the new and beautiful chapel reared a year ago. The Churches of our Presbytery, in connection with those of the Classis of Philadelphia of the Reformed (Dutch) Church lying in the neighborhood of Sourland Mountain, have been carrying on a successful mission work in that destitute region, which has resulted in the erection of a chapel under the control of the Classis of Philadelphia.

Generally the field within our bounds is fully occupied, and our Churches are watchful over every new opening which presents itself.

PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH.

Notwithstanding the depression of the times, our Mission Churches have all been supplied during the past year, and preaching has been maintained at Ocean Beach and Spring Lake during the Spring and Summer. At Asbury Park a Tabernacle, eighty by sixty feet, has been erected at a cost of \$2,500, chiefly under the auspices of Rev. J. A. Liggett, of Rahway, aided by the brethren of the Presbytery of Elizabeth and other friends interested in the enterprise; and, during the brief season of its occupancy in the Summer, was filled, and more than realized the hopes of its founders. The Calvary Church at Riverton is building an edifice, to be completed this Fall, at a cost of more than \$4,000, all of which is provided for. Satisfactory progress has been made in the refitting of the building purchased for the Church in Barnegat. The Church of Providence is erecting a new building at Bustleton, under the efficient labors of their minister, Rev. L. R. Fox. On the 15th of November, a beautiful chapel was dedicated at East Burlington, mainly through the agency of Rev. E. B. Hodge; an interesting and important enterprise. In these times it is a matter for gratitude, that we are able to report no retrogression in our work. Could we have an outpouring of the spirit on our Churches, there would be no mourning within our borders.

PRESBYTERY OF WEST JERSEY.

The aspect of affairs upon our Missionary field is more encouraging than it was one year ago. Some of the Churches then vacant have have been supplied, and in others obstacles to progress and usefulness have been removed.

Upon the seashore field, of which Absecon is the centre, the debt due the former stated supply has been paid, thus removing the chief barrier to the settlement of some new laborer in that field. Meanwhile the three Churches there have been frequently supplied.

At Atlantic City the former difficulties, arising out of difference of views concerning the use of the large Church located there for Summer use, have disappeared or been overcome, and the congregation are erecting a new chapel, in the rear of that edifice, for Winter use, capable of seating two hundred and fifty persons. Generous friends in Philadelphia are aiding the enterprise, and the prospects of the Church are highly encouraging.

Swedesborough, which became vacant early in the year, and which is a field difficult to supply, because of the large German element in the congregation, has once more a capable and efficient pastor, able to preach acceptably in both languages. The good results at all these points have been mainly due to the wise vigilance of your Synodical Missionary, who has been unremitting in his endeavors to remove the difficulties referred to, and to procure for these Churches such temporary and permanent supplies as their circumstances demanded. Indeed, the necessity for this special agency has been more imperative the past year and its beneficial results more apparent than in any previous year. Your Missionary has not only greatly aided us in the care of these Churches, but other vacant fields, such as Atco and Berlin, would have been left almost wholly unsupplied except for his efforts. It was in view of these services that this Presbytery, at its late meeting, unanimously

Resolved (1), That we recognize the faithful and earnest labors of Rev. A. H. Brown, and his very valuable assistance in our missionary work.

Resolved (2), We do most sincerely desire that the Synod will continue its aid through this most important agency."

Our mission at Billingsport has yielded encouraging fruits the past year, eleven converts having been received into the Wenonah Church, as the result of labors there. The Second Church of Cedarville has struggled with many difficulties. It has proved its right to live, by thoroughly renovating its house of worship within and without, raising all the money in advance; and, since this improvement, the Church has received the offer of a large donation on easy terms which will place it on a sure basis.

Outside of our missionary field, we notice, as signs of progress, that the West Church at Bridgeton have finished and dedicated their handsome house of worship, free from debt.

The Churches at Woodbury and Deerfield are both erecting new chapels. Some of our Churches are suffering depression from the

stringency of the times, but, on the whole, there is healthful progress all along the line.

WORK OF THE SYNODICAL MISSIONARY.

We gratefully acknowledge the care of God over our Mission fields in Southern New Jersey during another year of financial hardship. Business has continued to be depressed, the coasting trade has languished, vessel-building has almost ceased, frosts have greatly damaged the crop of small fruits, the cranberry has given but about half its usual yield, and the huckleberry crop, a very important one in certain localities, has been almost an entire failure.

These causes have made the support of our Mission Churches more difficult, and yet we have not been compelled to abandon any ground previously occupied, and some advance has been made into new fields. The number of Churches receiving aid must, of course, vary with changing circumstances. Sometimes a Church, after attempting self-support, may be compelled, by unexpected difficulties, to seek aid again; yet it is encouraging to know that sixteen Churches are self-supporting now, which a few years ago were receiving help from the Board of Home Missions. About thirty Churches have received aid from the Board during the year, the aggregate of whose membership is nine hundred and eighty-two, and the number of whose enrolled Sunday scholars is one thousand nine hundred and fifteen. At present the number of such Churches is twenty-eight, of which thirteen are in the Monmouth Presbytery, and fifteen are in the Presbytery of West Jersey. It is gratifying also to be able to state that the Mission Churches have been sustained with a gradually decreasing amount of aid from the Board, which has fallen from \$7,316 in 1875, to \$4,306 in 1878, although it ought to be added that this has sometimes been by the personal self-denial, and to the discomfort of the pastors or stated supplies of these Churches.

The Churches in South Jersey owe much also to the General Assembly's Board of Church Erection, without whose help many of their Church buildings would not have been erected.

As remarked in a former report, a Synodical agency does not supersede nor interfere with the action of Presbyteries, but co-operates with and aids it. The Presbyterial Committees have never been more efficient in the care and visitation of the Churches than at present, while the Synodical Missionary, meeting often with these committees, and quarterly with the Synod's Committee, has the supervision of both. It may not be amiss, in this connection, to say that the eight members of the Synod's Committee come together every three months, from different parts of the State, and, being the

Chairmen of the Presbyterian Committees, are able to communicate intelligence and make suggestions in reference to our whole field. It would seem as if there ought to be help in this to the harmonious working of our system.

During the year Mr. Brown has given some special attention to Sabbath School work in places where it has not been possible to sustain the regular Gospel Ministry, such as Bass River, Leeds Point and Somers Point, where flourishing Sunday Schools have been maintained. Valuable aid in this work has been received from the Sunday Schools of South Orange, Madison, South Street Church of Morristown, and a gift from the First Presbyterian Church in Henry Street, Brooklyn.

Early in the Synodical year seven Mission Churches in West Jersey became vacant—Absecon, Leeds Point, Somers Point, Atco, Berlin, Atlantic City and Swedesborough. The care of these absorbed much time and thought. In one case there was internal dissension, in another a decaying edifice, and a third was made difficult by the imperative need of a pastor who could preach in two languages. All were weak and discouraged, their condition showing the need of the oversight of one whose business it should be to plan for them, to bear their burdens and nurse them to a healthy life. Of these Churches, Berlin has been closed most of the year; Atco has been supplied as often as possible; Leeds Point and Somers Point have been grouped with Absecon.

The report of last year spoke of Atlantic City as a field of much importance, and at the same time of peculiar difficulty, and as engaging the earnest attention of the Presbytery of West Jersey and of the Synodical Missionary. Of this field a very favorable report can now be made. The problem has been how to keep together and provide for the spiritual wants of our own people there, few in number and discouraged, during those greater portions of the year when the Summer visitors were away. During the cold months the large and beautiful Presbyterian Church, too large for the Winter congregations, and not at all adapted for Winter weather, was kept closed. This problem has been solved. Mansion Hall was rented for Winter use, and the services were secured of Rev. H. M. Kellogg, of whose successful labors in South Jersey during his Seminary vacations, mention has heretofore been made. A Sabbath School was organized, which has grown from eighteen to two hundred members, and is both a bond of union and a means of grace, while the Church has had new hope put into it. A chapel is needed for Winter quarters and the Sunday School, and this seems not far off, for within a few days a generous lady has presented the Church with the sum of \$500, with the help of which they propose immediately to erect a chapel in the rear of the Church, to cost \$1,500 and to seat about two hundred and sixty people.

The Church at Swedesborough has been the object of much solicitude, owing to the difficulty of supplying the place of its late pastor with one who, like him, could preach an evangelic faith in both the English and the German languages. Our admirable German Theological Seminary could not furnish us with a man this year, but in the good providence of God one was obtained from Auburn Seminary, who has been installed as pastor, and entered upon the field with encouraging prospects of success.

In last year's report a brief account was given of the successful efforts made by the Synodical Agent in behalf of the people of Delanco, Fairview and Riverton, the last a village beautiful for situation on the east bank of the Delaware, about eight miles from Philadelphia, by whose people it has been largely settled and occupied. It was then stated that a Church had just been organized at Riverton by the Presbytery of Monmouth, and that a Church edifice was contemplated. The gift of \$1,000 from a friend, and liberal aid from the Assembly's Board of Church Erection, greatly encouraged them, and on the first day of August the corner-stone of a building was laid, to cost over \$4,000. The future seems full of promise, and the people and their pastor earnest and hopeful; and so an enterprise which, but a little more than a year ago, it appeared rash to attempt, gives promise of early and permanent success.

To various other places, as Bass River, Barnegat, Yardville, Ocean Beach, Spring Lake, the Synodical Missionary has given such attention as his time and other duties would permit. Progress has been made at Barnegat, which is now united with Forked River. The services of a student in the Union Theological Seminary, during the Summer vacation, were secured for Bass River, and other students might have been profitably employed in similar labors in other fields, had funds been provided.

During the year the Missionary Agent of the Synod has traveled, in its service, eleven thousand miles, and has been actively employed on all the Sabbaths but two. His acknowledgments and ours are due to several of the railroad companies, who, for the Work's sake, have granted him traveling facilities at reduced fares. The field is large, and the work too great for one laborer, and yet that that one is greatly needed, and his labors fruitful, is borne witness unto by those Presbyteries within whose wide bounds he is employed, and who are so capable of judging in regard to the work and its results.

The attention of your Committee and that of the two lower Presbyteries has not been altogether diverted from the fields along the Jersey shore. The Summer population is greater every year, and this Summer growth leaves the residuum of a permanent population, not large at

first, nor rapid in its increase, but sure to be of future consequence. At Island Heights, on a picturesque and beautiful bluff of Toms river, our Methodist brethren have laid the foundations of a Summer camp ground, nearly a mile square. The first sales of lots amounted to \$14,000 of *bona fide* investments, and Island Heights bids fair to rival Ocean Grove in popularity. Before the next Summer season opens, it is confidently expected that an ocean shore railroad will fill up the gap between Squan and Toms River, and then from Sandy Hook to Tuckerton, and ere long to Atlantic City the steam whistle along the whole Jersey coast will salute the constant ocean steamers plying northward and southward just outside the line of its breakers.

In this connection it is pleasant to record the completion of the Presbyterian Tabernacle at Asbury Park, to which allusion is made in the report of the Church Extension Committee of Monmouth Presbytery.

In conclusion, your Committee thank the Pastors and Churches of the Synod for the cordial way in which they have sustained the work this year. Severe as has been the financial pressure, *the payments into our treasury have never been so prompt as during the year just closed*, quite relieving the Treasurer from the labors and anxieties of former times.

The cause of Home Missions and Presbyterial Church Extension in this old State, so much of which is yet new, is once more commended to the Churches of this Synod and to the protecting care of God.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT AIKMAN,

Chairman.

NOTE.—The Synodical Committee disclaim any power or desire to make an assessment either on Presbyteries or Churches. Believing that there are many who will take pleasure in sustaining the work which the Synod has authorized, the committee respectfully request the Presbyteries of Elizabeth, Morris and Orange, Newark and New Brunswick to raise, in their own way, each \$240, and the Presbyteries of Newton, Jersey City, Monmouth and West Jersey, each \$160, as a reasonable basis of support for the Synodical work during the ensuing year.

The Committee met and re-appointed Rev. Allen H. Brown Synodical Missionary for one year. His P. O. Address is 319 North Fifth Street, Camden, N. J.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

There have been received from the Presbyteries as follows :

Presbytery of Elizabeth.....	\$244.28	
“ “ Jersey City.....	160.00	
“ “ Monmouth.....	160.00	
“ “ Morris and Orange.....	240.00	
“ “ Newark, balance on last year, \$12.00 } present year\$220.00 }	232.00	
“ “ New Brunswick.....	240.00	
“ “ Newton.....	105.74	
“ “ West Jersey.....	160.00	
	<hr/>	\$1,542.02
Received from Rev. A. H. Brown, for preaching ser- vices.....	\$9.00	
Balance on hand last year.....	44.26	
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		\$1,595.28

There has been paid as follows :

Rev. A. H. Brown, for salary.....	\$1,200.00	
“ “ traveling expenses.....	278.23	
Traveling expenses of the committee.....	47.37	
Printing and mailing 1,500 reports and circulars.....	46.30	
	<hr/>	\$1,571.90
Balance on hand, October 17th, 1878.....		\$23.38

ROBERT AIKMAN,
Treasurer.

The Standing Committee on Church Extension and Home Missions, as now constituted, is as follows, viz.:

NAMES.	PRESBYTERIES.	P. O. ADDRESS.
Rev. Robert Aikman, D.D., } <i>Chairman and Treasurer,</i> }	Morris and Orange....	Madison, N. J.
Rev. E. Kempshall, D.D.....	Elizabeth.....	Elizabeth, “
“ C. K. Imbrie, D.D.....	Jersey City.....	Jersey City, “
“ A. H. Dashiell, Jr.....	Monmouth.....	Bricksburg, “
“ E. R. Craven, D.D.....	Newark.....	Newark, “
“ A. Gosman, D.D.....	New Brunswick.....	Lawrenceville, “
“ H. B. Scott.....	Newton.....	Bloomsbury, “
“ L. C. Baker.....	West Jersey.....	Camden, “

VII.—NARRATIVE OF THE STATE OF RELIGION WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE SYNOD OF NEW JERSEY, FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 15TH, 1878.

The Chairman of the Committee to Prepare the "Narrative of the State of Religion" was absent in Europe for several months before the meeting of the Synod, and had not returned when it met. Through a misapprehension no substitute had been provided, and a Narrative was not prepared. The Synod, therefore, directed that, after its adjournment, the committee should collect such data as the reports of the Presbyteries might supply, with a view to their publication in the Appendix to the Minutes. This apology seems proper, in explanation of the present meagre statement.

The past Synodical year has not been especially marked in the annals of our Church in this State, though the reports by no means indicate that her labor has been spent for naught.

THE PASTORAL RELATION.

The Churches were, perhaps, never so generally supplied with pastors. In some of the Presbyteries hardly a vacancy is to be found, and the changes during the year have been very few.

SABBATH ASSEMBLIES.

The attendance upon public worship has been, on the whole, large and increasing. This gratifying fact has been observed in different portions of our bounds. In all parts of the State there has evidently been a readiness to seek out and supply destitute fields.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The reports show that in the work of the Synod our Sabbath Schools have become very prominent. The heart of the Church is in her labors for the Children, and the result is seen in large and prosperous Church schools, and in Mission schools that have been established in many fields of promise among us. The best talent and the warmest piety in our membership is thankfully devoted to this service. Some of the reports say that the Shorter Catechism is regularly taught; other reports are silent on this subject, though so vital to the sound faith of the Church of the future.

PRAYER MEETINGS.

One Presbytery mentions that these meetings are "sadly neglected, especially by male members of the Church." The other Presbyteries present a more cheering view, and several of them speak of most hopeful indications in the increase of circles of prayer in which they that fear the Lord speak often one to another.

TEMPERANCE.

The references to this subject show that our Churches are not slumbering over the fearful devastations of drunkenness, and that they are prepared to join in efforts to suppress these frightful evils.

BENEVOLENCE.

The financial distress of the country has, of course, been felt by our Churches. Contributions have been diminished, and perhaps the spirit of covetousness lingering in the Church has found a pretext for withholding more than the circumstances would justify. It is, however, still true that the fountains of Christian liberality have been by no means dried up, and, indeed, there has been developed in some instances a noble spirit of self-denial. The Newark Presbytery reports that \$77,000 have been paid during the year to extinguish Church debts. Still we are very far from that measure of devotion which led our Lord to say of the woman, "She hath done what she could." It is but too evident that retrenchment has begun, in too many cases, at the House of God.

ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES.

There have been in some of the Churches of nearly every Presbytery, special ingatherings, in which large numbers have been brought to confess the Lord who bought them. There has been no general revival through the Synod, and none that could be regarded as pervading the bounds of a Presbytery. Comparatively few of our Churches, however, have been left without witness, and in some cases attention is called to the accessions made to the membership of nearly every Church.

OUR MISSIONARY PRESBYTERY.

The Presbytery of Corisco sends a report which is cheering. Her work is extending, and it is to be regretted that our Synod cannot more directly communicate our sympathies and help to these brethren in Africa, and receive more directly from them the impulses we need in obeying our Lord's last command. *Our brethren in the Synod* are crying to us to come over and help them.

THE ROLL OF THE DEAD.

The deaths in the Ministry, as reported by the Presbyteries, have been as follows :

Rev. James Harkness, M.D., and Rev. Jacob Wahrenberger, of the Presbytery of Jersey City.

Rev. Charles Hodge, D.D., and Rev. Charles W. Nassau, D.D., of the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

Rev. Sylvester Cook, of the Presbytery of Newton.

Rev. Edmund KcKinney, of the Presbytery of Monmouth.

Rev. Robert Osborne, of the Presbytery of West Jersey.

These brethren, though dead, still speak, some of them in words the world will not let die. The Synod has elsewhere placed on record its estimate of the venerated dead. "I heard a voice from Heaven saying unto me: write, blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth; yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

JOHN WOODBRIDGE,

Chairman.

VIII.—OBITUARY.

The committee appointed to bring in a minute with reference to the death of Rev. Dr. Hodge and others, would report the following minute :

The Synod of New Jersey having been called during the year to lose its foremost minister, whose distinguished name was a household word in the Presbyterian Church of America, and was honored throughout the Protestant world, records with gratitude its appreciation of his great services as a Theologian and Writer, and Instructor in the Theological Seminary at Princeton, which have been enjoyed by the Church for more than a half century. His massive intellect, breadth of learning and logical acumen were combined with a child-like simplicity of faith and heartiness of love, which made him invaluable as a counsellor in the Church, and delightful, too, as an associate in the Synod.

His connection with this Synod covered the whole period of its existence, and his death leaves but one of the original members on its roll.

Dr. Hodge attended Synod for the last time during its sessions in the First Church of Elizabeth, in 1876, and assisted at the Communion Services. His glowing words, delivered in feeble tones, at that time drew out the hearts of his brethren toward him as one who could ill be spared, and yet was soon to be taken. The Master has now called him away, and it only remains that, in bearing this testimony to his eminent worth, we express our deep sense of the loss which, as a Synod, we have sustained in his removal.

Dr. Hodge was born in Philadelphia, December 28th, 1797; became a member of one of the Churches of this Synod—the First Church of Princeton—in 1814. He was ordained to the Ministry of the Presbyterian Church by the Presbytery of New Brunswick, then in connection with the old Synod of New York and New Jersey, November 28th, 1821, two years before the Synod of New Jersey was formed. He died in Princeton, June 19th, 1878, in the eighty-first year of his age, full of years and honors, and ripe in faith.

The Rev. Charles W. Nassau, D.D., has also departed this life during the year.

A good man, and wise, of great modesty, and very gentle, and lovely in character and speech, he was well known as an able Professor in La Fayette College, and for two years the President of that Institution. Resigning his position, he became a successful teacher of young ladies, at Lawrenceville, where, for twenty-five years, he carried on a school,

and he ceased from his useful labors only when admonished to do so by advancing years and impaired health.

Removing his residence to Trenton he spent the rest of his days very quietly, and died, in the blessed peace of Christ, August 6th, 1878, having been preceded by a few weeks by his estimable wife.

Dr. Nassau was settled over the First Church of Norristown, Pa., at the outset of his ministry, but was compelled to leave the pastoral work by failing health, and gave the rest of his life to teaching.

Probably there have been other deaths in the Synod during the year, but as the committee have not been furnished with any facts concerning other brethren who may have died, they cannot make mention of them in this minute.

PRENTISS DE VEUVE,
 JONATHAN F. STEARNS,
Committee.

MODERATORS SINCE THE REUNION.

DATE.	PLACE OF MEETING.	MODERATOR.	PRESBYTERY.
June 21, 1870	Elizabeth	Rev. Jona. F. Stearns, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 18, 1870	Morristown..	“ Chas. K. Imbrie, D.D.	Jersey City.
Oct. 17, 1871	Bloomfield...	“ Robert Aikman, D.D.	Morris & Orange.
Oct. 15, 1872	Trenton	“ Samuel Miller, D.D..	Monmouth.
Oct. 21, 1873	Washington	“ J. H. McIlvaine, D.D.	Newark.
Oct. 20, 1874	Camden	“ J. M. Macdonald, D.D.	New Brunswick.
Oct. 19, 1875	Orange	“ Wm. C. Roberts, D.D.	Elizabeth.
Oct. 17, 1876	Elizabeth	“ Thomas McCauley...	Newton.
Oct. 16, 1877	Newark	“ E. Kempshall, D.D..	Elizabeth.
Oct. 15, 1878	Morristown..	“ Wm. Bannard, D.D..	West Jersey.

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